Spain's Youth Mobilize for War on Invader
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BRITAIN BARS AID TO CZECHS IF INVADED BY GERMAN ARMY; LABORITE RAPS CHAMBERLAIN

Berate Premier's Stand in Failing to Act Against Aggressors

LONDON, March 24 (UP).—Great Britain refuses to use her armies to protect Czechoslovakia against any German invasion, Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain told the House of Commons tonight.

Chamberlain's clear-cut assertion that in event of war Britain's frontier will end at the Rhine swept him into a maelstrom of opposition anger.

Laborites and Liberals, bitter toward Chamberlain's dealings with Italy, berated him for refusing to swing British prestige into the Central European breach in an attempt to halt "the ruthless aggression of the dictators."

"The British government has fully considered whether the United Kingdom should, as a further contribution to peace in Europe, now undertake new and specific commitments in Europe, particularly such a commitment in relation to Czechoslovakia."

He then ruled out any new commitments toward Czechoslovakia.

REFUSES FRANCE ASSURANCES

Chamberlain referred to France's efforts to draw Britain into a pledge to protect Czechoslovakian independence.

"This government considered whether to give France assurance forthwith that if she is forced to take action under the Franco-Czech treaty by reason of German aggression this country immediately would employ its full military force in her behalf.

"Alternatively this government considered whether it should at once declare its readiness to take action to resist forcible interference with the independence and integrity of Czechoslovakia, and invite other nations to associate themselves with us.

"Under either alternative the decision whether this country would be involved in war would automatically be removed from His Majesty's government.

"His Majesty's government is unable to accept such a position in relation to an area where their vital interests are not concerned in the same degree as in France and Belgium."

REJECTS SOVIET BID

Chamberlain bluntly rejected the Soviet Union's invitation to Britain —as well as the United States and all the other big powers excepting Germany, Italy and Japan—to form a solid front against aggressor powers.

The Soviet proposal was rejected, Chamberlain said, because it would "aggravate the tendency to the establishment of an exclusive group of nations which might be inimical to the prospects of European peace."

Behind this explanation to Commons, however, lay Chamberlain's reluctance to do anything to antagonise Italy and Germany at a time when Italo-British negotiations are under way and he still has hopes of bringing Germany into his "realistic" plan of direct negotiations.

Chamberlain's declaration brought quick and angry denunciation from such opposition leaders as Major Clement R. Attlee of the Laborites,

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Franco Spies Bared By Daily Worker Still Active Here

Garcia, Diaz, Exposed Last Year, Revealed in New Attempt to Establish Possible Arms Route to Burgos from Base in City

By Harry Raymond

Marcelino Garcia and Manuel Diaz, exposed by the Daily Worker last May as leaders of a Spanish fascist spy ring in the United States, Cuba and Mexico, are still using their steamship company, 17 Battery Place, as a base for sending aid to Gen. Francisco Franco's fascists in Burgos.

Two members of the Garcia-Diaz firm, whose investigation was demanded on the floor of the Senate by Senator Gerald P. Nye during the 1937 Congressional session, are at present enroute to Seville, fascist Spain, on special business for the New York Franco Junta, headed by the former Spanish Ambassador Juan Francisco de Cardenas.

They are Victor Alvarez, junior partner in the steamship firm, and Marcelino Garcia, Jr., son of the elder Garcia and port inspector for the firm.

LEAVE CITY SECRETLY

Both men left New York secretly last February for Europe, Alvarez departing on the Italian liner Saturnia and young Garcia sailing on the Norwegian freighter Nordkap, a ship chartered by the Garcia-Diaz firm for a Mediterranean run.

They are scheduled to arrive in Seville together on the Nordkap next month when the ship is due there, after touching Alexandria, Egypt, and taking a cargo at Genoa, Italy. They are scheduled to return to New York on the Nordkap on May 10 after they have completed their secret mission.

Close-lipped employes of the steamship firm would not tell the Daily Worker why Garcia and Alvarez had left the country, but an investigation as to their whereabouts revealed that they had gone to Alexandria and Palestine to negotiate for a shipping route from the United States to Egypt, which will touch fascist Spain and Italy and could be used to carry war materials from Genoa to Seville.

VIOLATE U. S. LAWS

If the two fascist agents' plans are successful the Garcia-Diaz Com-

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16,500 OUT IN STUDENT PEACE RALLIES

O'Connell, Scott Assail Isolationists at N. Y. Meetings

Rallying to the slogan, "Isolation Means War, Collective Security Means Peace," 16,500 New York college students left their classrooms for two hours of city-wide demonstrations. Led by the American Student Union, they cheered a score of speakers who called upon them to resist fascist aggression.

In addition, 800 high school students, members of the high school division of the Student Union picketed German, Italian and Japanese consulates.

Headline speakers included Rep. Jerry O'Connell of Montana, sponsor of the O'Connell peace resolution to lift the embargo on materials for Loyalist Spain, and Rep. Byron Scott of California, outspoken advocate of collective security.

ATTACKS ISOLATIONISM

O'Connell flew here from Washington and addressed 2,500 students at City College and later at Columbia University.

The Montana representative was greeted with a thundering cheer at City College silencing a handful of Trotskyite hecklers. His attention, however, had been called to the noisy group of isolationists and he launched directly into a blistering attack upon isolationism.

"I notice some perhaps sincere people in the audience," he said, "who do not agree with what we have to say about collective security. I challenge them to tell me how isolationism will stop any

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BROOKLYN RALLY CONDEMNS TROTZKYITES

A resolution against Trotskyism was adopted at yesterday's student mass meeting at Brooklyn College. The vote was proposed and taken when a small group of Trotzkyites picketed the student peace meeting.

Lithuania Army Chaplain Made New Premier

KOVNO, Lithuania, March 24 (UP).—The Rev. Vladas Mironas, chief chaplain of the army, became Premier of Lithuania tonight and immediately organized a new cabinet to succeed that of Jouzas Tubelis who resigned because of dissension over Lithuania's capitulation to the Polish ultimatum of a week ago.

Whitney Hauled Before Sanity Director, SEC

Richard Whitney, former head of the Stock Exchange, now awaiting sentence on two grand larceny counts, was hailed before both the Security Exchange Commission and Dr. Walter Bromberg, Criminal Court psychiatric director yesterday.

Whitney faces sentence April 11 on charges of stealing funds placed for safekeeping with his now defunct brokerage firm.

Officials of the SEC would not discuss the developments of their examination of the former Wall Street big-shot.

Dr. Bromberg conducted his probe into Whitney's mental condition in accordance with the police rule requiring all persons found guilty of felonies be put through a psychiatric examination.

Mooney in Hospital

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., March 24.—Tom Mooney was transferred to the San Quentin prison hospital today, suffering from recurrence of an illness for which he was treated last August.

U. S. Proposes Refuge for Nazi Victims

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The United States has proposed to nine European and all the Latin-American nations that they join this country in offering sanctuary to political refugees from Germany and Austria, the State Department announced today.

Secretary of State Cordell Hull said the administration has proposed establishment of an international committee to facilitate emigration of the refugees and has urged "speedy co-operation if widespread suffering is to be averted."

Nations invited to participate, in addition to the Latin-American countries, were France, Great Britain, Belgium, The Netherlands, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and Italy.

Jobless Family of 7 Lives in Cave

Robert L. Barnes, a jobless World War veteran, with his wife and their children, in the shelter under a cliff near Daysville, Tenn., to which they moved when evicted from their home. American Legionnaires, learning of the plight of the family, whose sole support is the eldest son, provided them with living quarters and food.

Harlem Assemblyman Repudiates McNaboe Bill

Assemblyman Robert W. Justice Tells Delegation Vote Was Recorded in His Absence—Urges Lehman to Veto Fascist Measure

By Ben Davis, Jr.

Assemblyman Robert W. Justice, Negro Democrat of the 19th A. D., yesterday flatly repudiated his vote for the McNaboe-Devaney bill, denouncing the red-baiting measure as harmful to democracy and the best interests of the Harlem community.

The Negro Assemblyman declared that he had left the Assembly before the vote on the bill was taken, and that his vote in behalf of the measure was registered along with the Democratic majority without his knowledge or consent.

"If I had been present, I would have voted against the measure. I hope Gov. Lehman will veto it," he said.

The repudiation was made to a delegation of three from the James W. Ford Branch of the Communist Party, who had gone to the Assemblyman Justice's office at 447 Lenox Ave. yesterday morning to protest his support of the bill.

ASSAILS MEASURE

On the delegation were: Vivian Morris, Negro woman Organizer of the Branch, and your correspondent. The Branch is located in the 19th Assembly District at 15 W. 124th Street.

Later in the interview Assemblyman Justice discussed two measures which he sponsored in Albany in cooperation with the Harlem Legislative Conference.

The Hearst-inspired McNaboe bill aims to bar members of the Communist Party from holding public or civil service jobs, but would actually bar all progressives. Virtually the entire City press has asked Gov. Lehman to veto it, and a wide campaign against the measure is participated in by the American Labor Party, scores of trade unions, liberals and progressives.

Assemblyman Justice explained further that he was opposed to the McNaboe bill because "it is out of line with the purposes of the Har-

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'Would Kill Weems If He Pulled Knife,' Says Freed Scottsboro Boy

"Charlie Weems didn't pull a knife on the guard," declared Olen Montgomery, one of the freed Scottsboro boys, yesterday.

"If Weems or any Negro pulled a knife on a guard he wouldn't live a minute. He would be shot by the guard. I ought to know.

"The guards down there," said Montgomery, "would think no more of cutting a Negro than they would of kicking a dog.

"But they wouldn't get away with this. The Scottsboro Defense Committee and the workers and Communists will see to it that the guard gets what's coming to him."

Nazis Attack U. S. Veterans In Phila.

Storm Troopers Blackjack American Vets at Bund Meeting

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHILADELPHIA, March 25.—Unarmed American war veterans were set upon and brutally beaten by uniformed storm troopers of the German-American Bund here last night when they sought to enter a public meeting advertised as a celebration of Hitler's seizure of Austria.

Officially representing 16 posts of the American Legion, as well as posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Spanish-American War Veterans and the Jewish War Veterans, the ex-soldiers found a company of storm troopers bedecked [illegible] Sam Browne belts and armed [illegible] blackjacks barring the way when they reached the principal entrance to Turngenerde Hall, Broad and Columbia Streets, where Wilhelm Kuntze, national fuehrer of the Bund while Fritz Kuhn is out of the country, was supposed to deliver the principal address.

With only their bare fists with which to defend themselves, the veterans were beaten and blood spattered the sidewalks around the hall. A police riot squad closed the meeting, but made no arrests.

Prior to the fray, a hundred members of the Citizens Anti-Nazi Committee picketed the hall, singing the Star Spangled Banner. One of the banners carried by the picketers read:

"The home of the American revolution does not want fascism."

The manager of the hall told reporters that he would never again permit a Nazi organization to rent the premises.

Sixty Dead in Tornado

COMILLA, Bengal, India, March 24.—Sixty persons were reported killed and hundreds injured today when a tornado swept three villages near here.

Mr. X Bad Student; Sees 'Red' in Lincoln, Hughes

"Ridiculous . . . unsound . . . dangerous!"

With such invective one of the super-patriots leading the hue and cry for removal of Si Gerson has unwittingly heaped the democracy of Jefferson, Lincoln and Charles Evans Hughes, thinking he was merely dousing what seems to be the equally good democracy of Richard S. Childs, president of the City Club of New York, Mr. Childs revealed yesterday.

Without disclosing the identity of his antagonist, except to state that he is the worthy individual who resigned in protest from the City Club and so wrote Governor Lehman when Childs added his voice to those opposing the reactionary attack on retention of Gerson, Mr. Childs told how it all happened.

In a hot exchange of letters on Americanism, Mr. Childs presented to "Mr. X" the following statement as his own "doctrine":

'SOUND AMERICANISM'

"If there be among us any who would wish to dissolve this Union or to change its republican form let them stand undisturbed as monuments to the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it. This country, with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. Whenever they shall grow weary of the existing government they can exercise their constitutional right of amending it or their revolutionary right of overthrowing it.

"This, I say is sound Americanism."

Completely ignorant of the fact that Mr. Childs' "doctrine" consisted solely of direct quotations from Jefferson's 1801 inaugural address, from Lincoln's inaugural address in 1861 and from an important court decision by Chief Justice Hughes in 1930, Mr. X fumed back with a retort which said, in part:

AMERICANISM UNSOUND

"Your entire argument is so unsound and so dangerous to the best interests of the United States and of the State of New York that perhaps it would be best that you are dissociated from it in any official capacity."

Of such are the "defenders" of the constitution. Shades of the hundreds of wobblies and Communists arrested for delivering on a street corner the text of the Declaration of Independence!

LABORITE URGES CITY TAX BUSINESS BANK DEPOSITS TO SOLVE RELIEF CRISIS

Senate Tories Kill Profits Tax Bill Reform in Committee

Secretary of Treasury Announces Fiscal Agencies Meet to Draft Program Designed to Aid Nation's Small Businessmen

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The powerful Senate finance committee, the majority of whose members are bankers and corporation lawyers, today swept away reforms advocated by President Roosevelt in the pending revenue bill, eliminating the undistributed profits levy.

The committee acted the day after the President left the Capitol for his Winter home in Warm Springs, Ga.

At the same time, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau disclosed that government fiscal agencies, at the request of the President, had begun drafting a program designed to aid small business men.

The Senate Finance Committee substituted a flat 18 per cent levy on all corporate income.

Small corporations, however, would be given a 10 per cent tax credit on the difference between their net income and $25,000. Under the bill passed by the House the little enterprises would pay a graduated rate from 12½ per cent to 16 per cent while corporations earning $25,000 or more annually would pay a maximum of 20 per cent and a minimum of 16 per cent, the rate to be determined by the amount of dividends distributed.

A flat rate of 15 per cent on capital gains held more than 18 months and additional "cushions" against losses were substituted for the more complex time-element and percentage provisions approved by the House.

The committee also rejected two "riders." One by Sen. James J. Pope, D., Idaho, proposed imposition of a series of pseudo-processing taxes to finance price parity payments to farmers under the new Agricultural Act. The other, by Sen. Tom Connally, D., Texas, fixed drastically high war-profits taxes.

The tax on gains held more than 18 months would be computed on either of the following methods, whichever produces the lowest rate to the individual:

1. 15 per cent on net capital gains plus the normal rate on ordinary income.

"CUSHIONS" APPROVED

2. The taxpayer would be given the right to add 50 per cent of the net long term gain to ordinary income and pay the regular income and surtax rate.

The committee approved these "cushions" for capital losses:

1. A tax credit of 15 per cent on the net long term capital loss, with the regular income rate applied to earnings.

2. The right to subtract from ordinary income, 50 per cent of the net long term capital loss and compute the tax on the remainder at the regular rate.

Harrison said that there was no record vote on the capital gains changes but that they were "overwhelmingly approved." His optimism over the willingness of business generally to accept the higher normal tax rate in lieu of the profits levy was challenged brusquely by Chairman Robert L. Doughton, D., N. C., of the House Ways and Means Committee, who directed the bill through the lower chamber, and by some of Doughton's associates.

Irwin Was Sane, Commission Finds; May Be Tried

Robert Irwin, sculptor, was sane when he strangled artist model Ronnie Gedeon and killed her mother and a boarder in the Gedeon apartment last Easter weekend, a Lunacy Commission reported yesterday.

The report was schedhled to be handed up to General Sessions Judge John J. Freschi who is not necessarily bound by the decision of the commission. It is within his discretion to order a trial or to commit Irwin to a sanitarium.

Judge Freschi said he would announce late this week or early next week what action he would take, and in the meantime he would study the report which has been in preparation since August.

REORGANIZING BILL PASSAGE SEEN ASSURED

Tories Out to Knife All FDR Bills; New Deal Shows Strength

By Adam Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Passage of the government reorganization bill appeared assured today, and the Senatorial tories seemed destined to receive a much needed and long over-due licking.

The major fact which emerged in the debate on the bill is that the coalition of Republicans and reactionary Democrats in Congress is now determined to sabotage every measure proposed by the Roosevelt administration, no matter how reasonable, or mild, or necessary—no matter even if some of them have until very recently espoused similar proposals.

The fight on the reorganization bill is important first, as a test of strength in which the tories are being defeated; second, as a startling illustration of how far reaction intends to go in order to knife every New Deal proposal; and third, as an example of the extent to which the tory Democrats and Republicans are united.

With the Byrd amendment to keep the office of the Comptroller General defeated this afternoon by a vote of 46 to 37, it became apparent that the bill will pass. The only hurdle left now is a motion to recommit, and this, too, it is believed, will be overcome.

ADMINISTRATION'S STRENGTH

The show of administration strength is extremely encouraging. Defeat of the reorganization bill would have been the signal for a new tory offensive, and would have aided in the blocking of all progressive legislation at this session.

Actually, the reorganization bill is a simple good government bill which should have been acclaimed on all sides. Presidents since Taft have now and again nursed ambition to cut out inefficiency in the cumbersome governmental machinery, and this is all the bill proposes to do.

Examples of overlapping in government agencies are rife. There are bureaus to aid farmers, performing similar services, both in the Interior Department and in the Department of Agriculture. Both the Interior and Army Departments are involved in running the C.C.C. Camps.

Because of this arrangement in

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Mayor Declares N. Y. May Return 10% Cut in Funds

B. Charney Vladeck, Laborite and Majority Leader of the City Council, suggested yesterday a tax of 1-25 of 1 per cent on all commercial bank deposits in the city as a step toward solving the local unemployment relief crisis and the taxation controversy now raging in City Hall.

He said Councilman Andrew R. Armstrong, Laborite, and Councilman Robert K. Straus, Fusionist, would make the recommendation for the bank deposit tax at a meeting of the Council Finance Committee this afternoon.

Mr. Vladeck declared that if the Labor Party tax plan is adopted the yield will probably amount to $6,000,000 a year and perhaps make the tax on cigarettes proposed by the Mayor unnecessary.

ATTACKS "RELIEF POLITICS"

Meanwhile, Mayor LaGuardia, in a special message to the Board of Estimate, said that the City may be able to return to normal rate of relief, which was cut 10 per cent when the State Legislature refused to return the 2 per cent utility tax taken from the city or to increase the State's share toward relief.

The Mayor called a special meeting of the Board for next Wednesday afternoon to act on tax legislation which is expected to come from a Council meeting to be held on Tuesday.

He launched an attack against what he called "peculiar politics being played in the present relief situation."

"We witnessed political groups and factions protesting a reduction in relief allowance and at the same time thwarting action to help the situation by providing additional funds for the city," the Mayor's message said.

He said that even if his tax program, designed to provide $9,000,000 for relief, is approved a special session of the State Legislature to consider the city's relief needs would be necessary this Fall for the new taxes would leave the city $12,000,000 short of estimated expenditures.

MORRIS ACCUSES LYONS

It was clear the Mayor was referring to Frank J. Taylor, former Tammany Comptroller, when he said:

"We are charged with failure to enforce properly the collection of sales taxes by an administration over which we had absolutely no control. I am sure the people of the city will not be confused over such paradoxical politics."

The additional sales taxes, taxes on small utility bills, cigarette tax and other measures proposed by him to meet relief costs were called a "cruel thing" by the Mayor. But he said:

"If anyone can suggest better sources of revenue such suggestions are indeed welcome. It must be remembered that the city is naturally limited in the field of taxation. Every enabling act under which the city is empowered to impose taxes carries several limitations."

After the Mayor's message was read, a resolution was introduced by Borough President James J. Lyons, foe of the administration, to immediately rescind the 10 per cent cut in relief. He asked for unanimous consent on the measure, predicting "ribts in this city."

The resolution was laid over until the Board of Estimate meeting next week after Newbold Morris, president of the council, charged Lyons with playing "cheap politics" with relief.

CITES BANK FIGURES

Morris said he was the only member of the Board who questioned the wiseness of the ten per cent cut, but went along to "bring pres-

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All Catalonia Mobilized Against Franco Offensive

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, March 24 (UP).—The Loyalist Cabinet at Barcelona tonight ordered mobilization of the entire civilian population to defend Catalonia against Generalissimo Francisco Franco's 100,000 troops that are closing in on the capital in a gigantic pincer movement.

Trenton, Newark C.I.O. Councils Back O'Connell Peace Bill

NAZI BUND IS CONDEMNED BY TRENTON C.I.O.

Newark Unionists Plan May Day Parade—Parley March 31

TRENTON, N. J., March 24.—Two major CIO Industrial Union Councils in this State today announced the passage of resolutions by their members in support of the O'Connell Peace Bill, and President Roosevelt's now historic collective security speech which he made in Chicago on Oct. 5, 1937.

The CIO Trenton Industrial Union Council forwarded a resolution to President Roosevelt, Secretary of State Cordell Hull and New Jersey Senators in Congress urging "concerted action to quarantine the aggressor nations."

Meanwhile, the Greater Newark Industrial Council passed a similar declaration urging widespread support of the O'Connell Peace Bill, referring to the bill as "supplementing President Roosevelt's policies with appropriate and effective actions thereby moving to halt the fascist wars of aggression."

CONDEMN NAZI BUND

The CIO Industrial Council here also passed on a resolution condemning activities of the Nazi German American Bund, which is scheduled to hold a meeting here tonight at Heil's Hall, at Whitaker Ave., and Beatty St. The CIO Council has petitioned the City Manager to halt the meeting, and has arranged to picket the Nazis when they gather.

The CIO unionists said, in their petition to the City Manager that "the German American Bund is attempting to introduce Nazism into the United States under direct instructions of, the enemy of all democratic people, Adolph Hitler."

"Nazism destroyed all civil liberties in those places where it is in power and particularly denies all freedom of assemblage, speech and organization to trade unionists, Catholics, Free Masons, Rotarians and Jews, contrary to the American principle."

The Newark CIO unionists also announced plans for the organization of a May Day parade which will be discussed at a conference of both A. F. of L.-CIO and other organizations on March 31, in Room B-30, at the City Hall.

Browder Speaks Sunday at the Boston Church

Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the United States will be the guest speaker at Community Church, which holds services in Boston Symphony Hall Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock.

Browder will speak on the International Situation. All interested people are invited to attend the services and hear Mr. Browder.

Rasputin Daughters Barred From U. S.

Maria and Tatiana Rasputin Soloviev, grand-daughters of the Russian monk who was adviser of the Czarist court, were barred from the United States yesterday on the ground that they "are not bona fide visitors and are likely to become public charges." They were removed from the liner Andania and held at Ellis Island when they arrived yesterday.

Hudson to Speak At Brooklyn Youth Peace Rally Tonight

Roy Hudson, maritime leader and member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, will be the main speaker at the Peace Rally which opens the Brooklyn Convention of the Young Communist League of Kings County at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, Ashland Place and Lafayette Ave. tonight.

More than three thousand people are expected to jam the opera house for the largest youth rally ever to be held in the borough.

Numerous prominent political and youth leaders will speak. Besides Hudson, Angelo Herndon, national vice-president of the Young Communist League, will talk on the "Role of the Negro Youth in the Struggle for Peace." Peter V. Cacchione, Kings County chairman of the Communist Party, will talk on "Youth in the 1938 Elections." Other speakers will be Michael Saunders, executive secretary of the Kings County Y. C. L., and Fay Caller, industrial secretary of the Kings County Y. C. L.

PEACE LEAGUE ASKS MILLION SIGN PETITION

Concerted Peace Action, Neutrality Changes Urged in Statement

Stirred to immediate action by the threat of the present dangerous "Neutrality" Act the American League for Peace and Democracy is making an urgent appeal to the friends of concerted action for a vast increase of the original number of 1,000,000 signatures which was the goal of the petition campaign now being carried on by the League.

The statements of a number of Washington Congressmen led to the hope that quick action for repeal of this law would be taken.

The New York City Division of the American League for Peace and Democracy yesterday issued the following statement:

"All organizations and individuals now circulating these petitions are urged to return filled-in petitions at once. Additional petitions should be secured from the American League by those organizations which are already circulating these petitions and by all other organizations which have not yet taken such action.

The following is the text of the "People's Petition for Peace Legislation": We, the undersigned Americans—part of the 90 per cent of the population of the world who want to live in peace'—hereby request Congressional consideration of the contribution to be made to peace through a foreign policy based on:

1—The distinction between aggressors and their victims.

2—The necessity of denying our economic resources to the war-making, treaty - breaking aggressors, and opening them up to their victims under conditions designed to remove the risk of our being drawn into war;

3—The necessity for concerted action to quarantine the aggressors.

Every dollar from advertising cuts the deficit—patronize our advertisers and mention the Daily Worker.

STUDENTS HERE RALLY FOR PEACE

—Daily Worker Photo

Photo shows general view of Madison Square Park yesterday where students assembled in a demonstration for peace through concerted action of the United States with world democratic powers.

Slowness in Joint Peace Action Aid Fascists, USSR Envoy Says

Tells Packed Mecca Temple Rally USSR Leads Collective Action as Stop to Fascist Aggression; Says Unmasking of Traitors Duty to World; Sinclair Via Phone Hails Moscow Trials, Speaks of Labor Spies Posing as 'Reds'

Absence of direct action and slowness in organizing collective efforts against war mongers have encouraged fascist arrogance and pushed vacillating nations into "hiding under the bed like Mr. Disney's little pigs," Soviet Ambassador Alexander Troyanovsky declared last night.

The Soviet Union will not be an Austria because it does "not tolerate traitors and conspirators," Soviet Ambassador Alexander A. Troyanovsky told a capacity audience in the Mecca Temple auditorium.

"The temporary success of fascism is due to a great extent to the weakness and leniency toward fascism in different countries of the world," the envoy of the Socialist country to the United States warned.

"In full responsibility toward our people and toward other peoples in the world who shed their blood in the fight against reaction, our country can not tolerate traitors and conspirators in our midst."

READY FOR EMERGENCY

Pointing to the war danger, Troyanovsky declared that the Soviet Union "is strong and united. It can not only repulse aggression against its own territory but can come to the help of other peace-loving countries.

"Even if the lions lower their tails, we keep our chins up and are ready for any emergency."

"The Soviet Union has done its best to arrange all possible co-operation between peace-loving countries to make world peace," Troyanovsky declared in explanation of the Soviet peace policy.

"We have built a strong military machine which is ready at any time to defend our Soviet democracy and our new social order against the attempts of aggressors to destroy our Socialist state."

STRESSES WAR DANGER

The Red Army is being strengthened by the promotion of capable younger men to top posts, Troyanovsky told the audience.

Though the threat of war against the Soviet Union has never subsided, Troyanovsky declared, it has always broken out elsewhere—against Ethiopia, Spain, China.

The absorption of Austria by Germany threatens Czechoslovakia with a "similar outcome."

"Recently dark clouds formed over Lithuania," he said, "but in my opinion the heaviest storm is in the making to the west and south of Germany."

After branding the fascist "outcry against the red danger as actually a threat to democracy," Troyanovsky continued:

"I don't say that peace for the Soviet Union is absolutely secured by our strong army but I wish to point out that it is not necessarily the Soviet Union which will be the next to be involved in a world war.

"In my personal opinion it is very likely that the Soviet Union will be involved in the war because of treaties with other countries."

CITES PACTS

The Soviet Ambassador mentioned in particular the defensive treaties of mutual assistance with Czechoslovakia and France.

"The absence of action and the slowness in organizing collective efforts against the warmongers have encouraged them and pushed hesitant governments into following them because these governments begin to believe that resistance to the aggressors can not be organized," Troyanovsky said.

He drew a round of laughter when he compared the countries which bow before the aggressors to "Mr. Disney's little pigs," which "hide under the bed at every evidence of fascist arrogance."

The fascist spy network in the Soviet Union drew in the Trotsky-Bukharin traitors to the revolution, Troyanovsky said, because these oppositionist elements found no support either in the Communist Party or among the masses of the people.

He traced their history of opposition to Lenin, Stalin and the Soviet Government. It was the free working of Soviet democracy which left these elements isolated from the people, he emphasized.

To the "aristocrats and plutocrats of the world," Sinclair said, one "crime" of the Socialist Soviet Union "was greater than all the others put together—the crime of succeeding.

"In the war on Russia, fascism has not overlooked to use spies and wreckers," he declared. "The governments of Germany, Japan, Britain, Poland, Rumania have spent many millions in intrigue to keep the workers of the Soviet Union from succeeding. And when the Russians have caught and punished these spies and wreckers, how horrified the capitalist press has been!

"I do know," he added, "that there are German and Japanese agents in Russia today posing as ultra-left-wingers justas I know that there are spies in the American labor movement, posing as being 'Communists' and doing everything they can to lead the movement into violence and disorder so that it may be discredited."

Other speakers were Dr. Edward C. Carter, Vilhjalmur Stefansson the Rev. Thomas L. Harris and James Waterman Wise. The meeting was arranged by a noted group of sponsors.

16,500 New York Students Out in Peace Rallies

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of the conflicts now raging throughout the world."

He reminded them that Spain was once "an outstanding exponent of isolationism."

HECKLERS SILENCED

"I wish I could take you people who are so supposedly sincere about isolation to Spain with me," he said, "where I saw 24 fascist bombers rain death and misery into the working-class sections of Valencia, leaving dozens dead and hundreds maimed.

"Until we outlaw the nations who bomb helpless women and children in Barcelona, Guernica, Madrid and Valencia, fascism will never be stopped.

"Suppose we let Italy take Spain, let Germany and Japan attack the Soviet Union, wait until fascism has taken Mexico and Canada—then we will have to face it alone in the United States."

O'Connell was given a deafening ovation here, but when it subsided the isolationist hecklers interrupted shouting slogans.

"I know your viewpoint," O'Connell shot back at the hecklers, "I have talked to your representative in Congress, Representative Hamilton Fish. I want the neutrality law you isolationists gave us, the one which means aid for Franco, wiped off the books. That's why I introduced the resolution to quarantine aggressors and give support to victims of aggression."

PRAISES STOPPAGES

He praised the one-hour stoppage of class-room work and called for more demonstrations of a similar nature. "We must call upon Secretary of State Hull not to recognise the Italian conquest of Ethiopia; the German rape of Austria, to condemn the invasion of Spain and China."

O'Connell then spoke at Columbia, where more than 1,000 students gathered.

Representative Scott, who flew here from Washington with him, spoke at Brooklyn College before a crowd of 3,000 cheering students, who adopted resolutions condemning the Nazi invasion of Austria and the fascist invasion of Spain.

Student speakers addressed 3,500 in Madison Square, where a combined demonstration of the City College Commerce Center and Hunter College was held. More than 1,000 attended the demonstration at Hunter College in the Bronx; 2,000 gathered in Washington Square and another 750 at Long Island University.

CONSULS PICKETED

At 4 P. M. high school students began picketing the German, Italian and Japanese Consulates.

Shortly after 200 pickets ranging from 13 to 17 years old arrived at the Japanese Consulate at Fifth Ave. and 42nd St., the consular authorities became jittery and summoned police. Forty officers, three sergeants, one lieutenant and a deputy inspector arrived, forming lines inside and outside the building and on the 40th floor, where the consulate is located. There had been no disorder. Police said they did not know why they were summoned.

The police, however, marched in a body to the Italian consulate, where 200 other high school students were picketing. There were no arrests.

At the German consulate, 11 Battery Place, a letter was sent in addressed to Adolf Hitler expressing "horror at your brutal invasion of Spain and the mass murder of the Spanish people; at your invasion of Austria and your brutal treatment there and in your own country of innocent Jews, Catholics, workers and all liberals.

"The pickets now thrown around your consulate are indicative of the determination among high school students of the city to do all in their power to stop these attacks.

"We intend to carry on a ceaseless campaign to insure that in the near future our government will amend its foreign policy in such a way as to quarantine aggressors and lift the embargo against Loyalist Spain. . . . Moreover, we are determined that Czechoslovakia shall remain free."

Similar letters were left at the Italian and Japanese consulates.

100,000 Partisan Troops Harass Japanese Army

Miners of Poshan, Tsichman Areas Are Among Leaders of Guerrilla Forces in Shantung—Chinese Return Home to Fight

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

SHANGHAI, March 24.—Scattered groups of 100,000 partisans are harrying the rear and flanks of the Japanese divisions in Shantung province, where the sharpest fighting of the war is under way with Huchow junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Lunghai railways as the objective.

Ninety per cent of these guerrilla forces are peasants who fled from regions occupied by the Japanese invaders.

Thousands of workers, particularly those from the now devastated textile mills in Tsingtao, play the key role in leading these partisan units.

Miners from Poshan and Tsishuan east of Tsinan, the base of the Japanese drive along the Northern section of the Tientsin-Pukow R. R. towards Suchow, are active in the movement.

Railway workers at Kiaochow, on the Tsinan railway, have destroyed the roadbed at various points, then fleeing to the partisan groups.

CHINESE RETURNING TO HOMELAND TO FIGHT

(Wireless to the Daily Worker)

HANKOW, March 24.—Since the outset of the Japanese invasion, 40,000 Chinese living in foreign countries have returned to their homeland to take up arms in its defense, it was announced today.

Chinese returning from Formosa, Japanese island colony off the coast of South China, revealed that the Japanese militarists who rule over the island have clamped a reign of terror over the 20,000 Chinese citizens still resident in Formosa.

By threat of violence the Japanese forced the Association of Chinese Residents in Formosa to suspend the return of Chinese citizens to their country.

The Association was compelled to sign a declaration of support for the "puppet government" set up by the Japanese in Peiping, North China.

Spain Youth Mobilize for Huge Drive Against Fascist Invaders

United Youth League to Mobilize Two Divisions Within 10 Days; Biggest Drive in War; Trotzkyists Attempt Sabotage

By Joseph North

(By Cable to the Daily Worker)

BARCELONA, March 24.—A drive the like of which has not been seen in Spain before—and probably never in the history of warfare—is going on in the Republic today, as youngsters in their 'teens are mobilizing two volunteer divisions within 10 days to "drive out the invaders."

The drive ends March 30. The youngsters have already signed up a total of one division after three days' recruiting, Segis Alvarez, organization secretary of the United Socialist Youth League, who is in charge of the drive, told me today.

I interviewed him in the bomb-shattered headquarters of the youth organization overlooking the Plaza de Catalunya. Not one window remains intact in the giant building.

"This is our answer to the news that Hitler is mobilizing 30,000 Schutz-Staffel men," he said. "We know that Mussolini has more than 100,000 men in the Aragon drive alone and is bringing more in daily at Cadiz.

"Spanish youngsters are leaving factory, farm and school to drive the invader into the sea," he added.

TROTZKYISTS SABOTAGE

Trotzkyist attempts to sabotage the recruiting by distributing leaflets warning the youth "not to become cannon fodder" has been fruitless, Alvarez said.

"These traitors distributed leaflets at Lerida but were ineffective," he told me.

"Madrid alone is furnishing one full division," he said.

Alvarez, who was the organizer of the famous Pasionaria regiment of the militia in the early days of the war, is still in his early twenties.

His face is bearded and haggard after working days and nights on end in Aragon, where the executive committee of the United Socialist Youth sped upon the news of the big fascist drive.

They acted as commissars, encouraging the men, some even taking the place of officers killed or wounded.

Other youth leaders labored among the populace, organizing erection of fortifications.

MORE THAN 600,000

The United Socialist Youth—the JSU—was formed by the merger of 50,000 young Communists and Socialists in April, 1936. Today it numbers more than 600,000 and influences millions in Republican Spain.

It is the largest aggregate in the National Youth Alliance comprised of anarchists, numbering 400,000, the Republican youth, with 100,000, and many thousands more of students and non-party youngsters.

The JSU already has 300,000 at the front and more than 290,000 in the rearguard.

Alvarez told me that the youngsters last night won the approbation of Defense Minister Indalecio Prieto. All strata are represented among the volunteers.

10,000 GIRLS READY

To date 10,000 girl members have trained themselves to take the place of the men in the factories. He said many thousands have asked to go to the front, but it was felt that they can aid better by taking the place of the men at the machines.

The idea of forming the two divisions came from Santiago Carrillo, general secretary of the JSU. He presented it at a meeting of the JSU, the General Workers Union (UGT), the Communist Party, the Socialist Party and the United Socialist Party of Catalonia (PSUC) on the second day of the fascist offensive.

It was immediately accepted and the work began.

Today you cannot go to any part of Loyalist Spain without feeling its effects.

Alicante, for example, will mobilize 11,000 at the present rate of recruiting. Jaen province in the South, part of which is in fascist hands, has promised 30,000, and Madrid alone will have one full division.

ASU Urges Hull Aid 2 U. S. Boys Held by Franco

In two letters, one signed by Joseph Lash, national secretary, the other by members of the District Staff, the American Student Union of New York, appealed to Secretary of State Cordell Hull to take immediate steps to secure the freedom of two American Students, Paul McEachran, of Oberlin College, and Ralph Neafus, formerly of Michigan University.

Both were captured by Franco's troops while fighting with the American Brigades in Spain at Belchite.

The letter sent by Lash, declared: "We do not send this letter to you in order to set aside the fortunes of war. We do ask you to do what you can to assure Paul McEachran's safety as a prisoner of war."

Herbert Witt, executive secretary of the A.S.U. in urging the release of the American prisoners concluded his letter to Hull by saying, "you must realise that with the American neutrality law discriminating against the legally recognized government of Spain, those American citizens fighting with the Loyalists are carrying on traditions of American liberty and freedom."

Spaniards Here Send Loyalists 13 Ambulances

Urgent Appeals for Aid to Wounded Loyalists Answered

Thirteen ambulances are being sent to Republican Spain by the Spanish Confederated Societies to Aid Spain, in response to the urgent appeal for aid for the wounded of the Spanish Government, it was announced yesterday.

In addition they have shipped to democratic Spain 75 tons of pork meat, 500 cases of condensed milk from Holland, 50 tons of high-quality milk powder with a 25 per cent butter fat content, 60 tons of coffee and a $10,000 supply of anti-tetanus and anti-gangrene serum.

The sum of $7,200 was collected last Sunday at an affair to aid Spain held at the Royal Windsor, at which former Under-Secretary of the Interior Osorio y Tafall, spoke on behalf of the Spanish Republic.

Public Hearing On Asylum Bill In Congress

In response to a telegram appeal made by Rev. Herman F. Reissig, chairman of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Representative Samuel Dickstein, has been granted a public hearing for April 20 and April 21 on H. R. 7640, the bill for right of asylum for political and religious refugees introduced by Representative Emanuel Celler of Brooklyn.

"In view of the desperate situation of Jews, Catholics and other opponents of Hitler regime in Austria and sympathetic attitude of State Department in willingness to grant visas in accordance with immigration law requirements, we urge immediate public hearing on bill for right of asylum for political and religious refugees introduced by Congressman Emanuel Celler, H. R. 7640."

Congressman Dickstein, replying to Rev. Reissig, stated: "Have set hearing in Celler Refugee Bill for April 20 and 21. This is earliest posible date." Officials of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born requested that all progressive, liberal and labor organizations and individuals send telegrams, letters and resolutions immediately to Representative Samuel Dickstein, chairman, House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, Washington, D. C., urging favorable consideration of the Celler Right-of-Asylum Bill, H. R. 7640.

Britain Bars Aid to Czechs If Invaded

(Continued from Page 1)

Sir Archibald Sinclair of the Liberals and Winston Churchill.

The Prime Minister, they shouted, is driving Britain along the same dangerous road of 1914 by his refusal to announce a firm foreign policy upholding democratic traditions and ideals.

"War will be avoided in the present circumstances only by an accumulation of deterrents against an aggressor," said Churchill.

"A country like ours, possessed of an immense territory and wealth, the defense of which has been neglected, can not avoid war by dilating upon its horror or even continuing to display Pacific qualities or by ignoring the fate of victims of aggression elsewhere.

Attlee said Chamberlain's speech wholly failed to point toward establishment of peace on a solid foundation.

He said he was "astonished at the Prime Minister's credulity" in believing that Italy sought a peaceful settlement and was withdrawing from her military role in Spain.

"Italy is engaged in active intervention in Spain and everybody knows it but the government," he said.

"This country wants a positive policy for peace."

Sinclair concentrated his attack upon Chamberlain's refusal to go to Czechoslovakia's aid.

Britain, he said, is vitally affected by the ominous events transpiring in Czechoslovakia.

Asylum Urged For Victims Of Nazi Terror

Asking for the right of asylum for the Jewish victims of Nazis in Austria and Germany, the Nations Executive Board of the Jewish Peoples Committee sent an urgent appeal to the Department of Labor yesterday.

In reply to its request for an audience with Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, William Weiner, president of the organization, announced that the committee was scheduled to appear before the Department of Labor, Monday, March 28th.

Pointing out that "hundreds of thousands of Jews of Austria and Germany are faced with a brutal onslaught today," the committee, appealed to President Roosevelt "in the name of humanity" to grant refuge in America to those victims of a "mad race theory."

A concerted drive to rally the support of all labor and fraternal organizations has been initiated. The executive body asks all anti-Fascist groups to send a barrage of telegrams to Washington demanding the extensions of the right of asylum in the U. S.

IWO Urges Branches To Aid Spain Day

The City Central Committee of the International Workers Order urged all of its branches to support the tag day sponsored by the Medical Bureau and the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy on the streets of New York for March 31, April 2 and 4.

BROWNSVILLE LABOR GOES TO TOWN AGAINST RELIEF CUTS; FIGHTS FOR BETTER HOUSING

Progressives Elected 2 ALP Assemblymen To Aid the Fight

By Art Shields

"You'll feel at home in Brownsville," said a brother reporter, who hails from that part of Brooklyn. "There's a bit of mass action going on there every day in the year."

And I hadn't been in Brownsville an hour before I saw a crowd save a young unemployed leader from the cops.

It happened in front of the relief bureau at Powell and Sutter, where the Workers Alliance was staging a sit-in strike to get food for three starving families.

Now sit-ins get hungry after a day and a night in. . . . The cops had laid down a food blockade, you see . . . The sit-ins were hungry and they reached out their hands when young Louis Schreiber, the youth leader of the Alliance, tried a forward pass through the window with a roll of sandwiches. But the cops reached out too and grabbed Louis Schrieber. And the crowd barged up and took Louis away. I saw a hundred folks do it to a chorus of "Boos."

ALP ASSEMBLYMAN

That's Brownsville, the town that seldom loses a strike. That's Brownsville, the place that sent the first Socialist Assemblyman, A. Shiphacoff, to Albany 25 years ago . . . Brownsville the town that's still doing it, that elected two American Labor Party assemblymen last fall, and gave 4,000 votes for Peter Cacchione, the Communist candidate for New York City. . . .

It's Brownsville, where the folks are ever ready to fight fascism, as was evident last week, when the Communist Party at a few hours' notice mobilized 1,000 people for a parade against Hitler.

I found no garden cities in Brownsville and its neighboring communities of East New York and Canarsie. Unpainted, crumbling tenements house the workers, who form 90 per cent of the people in the four square miles of Brooklyn between Highland Park and Jamaica Bay.

10,000 NEGROES

You'll get a better idea why the folks in this neighborhood fight so hard if you follow me into their homes.

It's dark as we enter the windowless room of the crumbling flat at 103 Thatford Ave. That 87-year-old Negro woman we see blinking her eyes in that corner never knew she was coming to this when she left Alabama.

"My daddy George Edwards helped save the United States," said Mrs. Eliza Carter, this old woman. "He fought on Lincoln's side in the Civil War."

Now she lives on relief with three generations of her family in a crumbling flat, where the landlord is violating a half dozen provisions of the tenement house law.

Their life is typical of the lives of many of the 10,000 Negroes living in Brownsville. And typical too is their allegience to the Workers Alliance, which gets them relief.

HOMEOWNERS ON RELIEF

Jews and Poles live little better, and when we come to the Italian folks living in Canarsie, near Jamaica Bay, we think we are back in old Tobacco Road.

Surely this isn't New York, this little cabin at 1014 East 87th St., with the outhouse outside. Two rooms, two beds and six people. This must be Dixie.

But the smell of the city dump on Barren Island brings us back to New York.

"That's what they call a home owner," said Sam Cangeme, as he stood by the well pump in his kitchen bed room. "I bought this house 14 years ago. I was a shoe maker then. I wanted a home of my own. Now I'm unemployed, and they want to evict me. I don't know where my wife and four children will go."

He left us to get back to the Italian local of the Workers Alliance, near by and we visit another "home owner," Peter Taromina, a small ice cream maker, at 948 East 83rd St.

This house is bigger but nearer

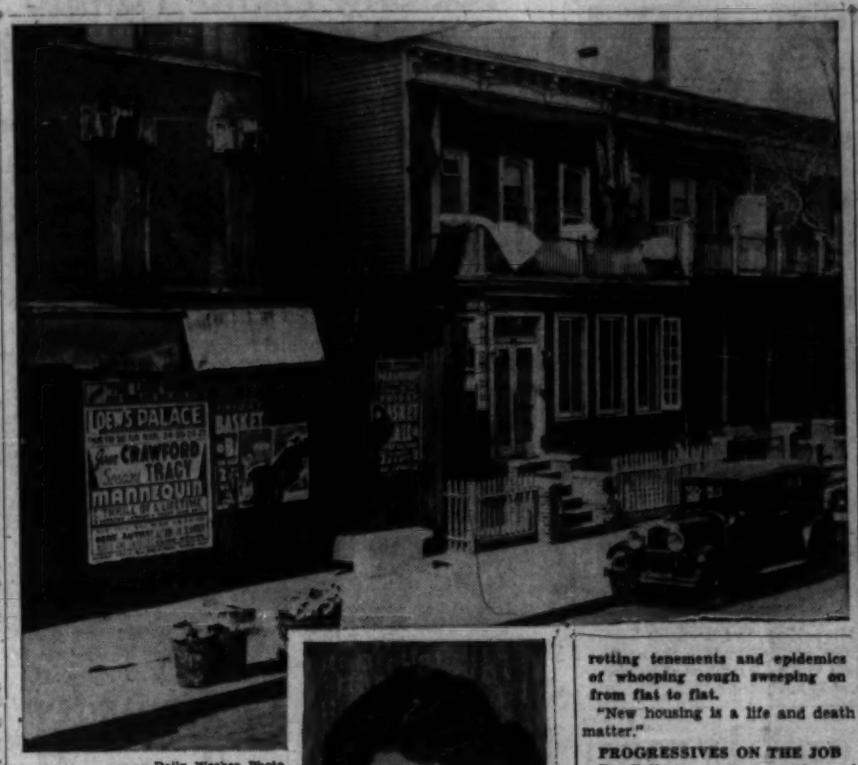

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Photo shows a typical row of Brownsville homes. Below in adjoining column is Dr. Jacob Greenfield, vice-president of the Jewish People's Committee and anti-fascist leader, Carl Vedro (right), Brownsville Section Organiser of the Communist Party.

collapse—one of those jerry built structures the contractors foisted on home owners in the boom.

"I bought this house 18 years ago, and I have eight more years to pay," said the owner as he stood by a foot row of plaster that had crashed from the walls. "The house will be gone before I have a clear title."

The housing issue is terribly serious, in the four square miles you traverse in Brownsville, East New York and Canarsie.

"Not a single new house has been built in my neighborhood in 20 years, except the house I live in myself," said Irving Stoppick, 50 Belmont Ave., the head of the Belmont Ave. Merchants Association.

"Brownsville must unite for a government building project immediately. I want merchants, labor unions, Democrats, the Labor Party, the Communists and Socialists to form a big civic organization to send a delegation to Washington to demand government housing," he told me.

DANGERS OF DISEASE

Labor is leading the fight for new government housing. You feel this in the Labor Lyceum at 229 Sackman St., where building trades men; laundry union leaders and garment workers are uniting behind the demand for a housing project.

"Hardly a brick has been laid in this community in 25 years," said Samuel Spivack, chairman of the American Labor Party for the 23rd Assembly District and International Ladies Garment Workers Union manager in that part of Brooklyn.

"The American Labor Party today is the dominant political party in Brownsville. It has the people of Brownsville behind it when it says that this government housing project must be built quickly. It is holding a mass meeting this week in this subject."

Parks, recreation centers and summer children's camps are almost equally needed, Spivack continues.

Dr. Harry E. Beller, a member of the executive committee of the ALP in the 22nd Assembly District in East New York, spoke strongly on this subject at his office at 339 Eyona Ave.

"I'm a member of the East New York school board also and an attending surgeon at several hospitals," he said. "I see tuberculosis spreading through these rotting tenements and epidemics of whooping cough sweeping on from flat to flat.

"New housing is a life and death matter."

PROGRESSIVES ON THE JOB

Dr. Beller, recording secretary of the East New York Medical Society, is concerned too with getting prompt action on the construction of the $4,000,000 hospital that Health Commissioner Goldwater proposed for this region some time ago. Precious half hours are lost now before the ambulance comes from Kings County Hospital four and a half miles away. And clinical patients must often wait at Kings Hospital from 7:30 A. M. till 10 o'clock before treatment begins.

Similar views were expressed by Dr. A. Marel, president of the medical society, whom I interviewed next.

Everywhere I went in Brownsville I found the conviction that the people were going to get the things they were going after. They base this conviction on the people's political victories in the last election, when the 23rd Assembly District sent Frank Monaco, and the 22nd John Brenner to Albany as A.L.P. men.

DR. JACOB GREENFIELD

As Tammany goes out new houses and playgrounds will come in, the people believe. And the fact that Tammany is going out is symbolized by such actions as this that took place in Canarsie, where the whole Democratic Club at East 93rd and Flatland Ave. went over to the A.L.P.

And the rapid growth of the united front gives grounds for optimism.

Communists come into this united front strongly, because their presence is needed. Their influence is great in this community of revolutionary traditions.

The Communists help in organizing great A.L.P. rallies, torch light parades and getting out the A.L.P. vote was recognized after the November victory in letter from Assemblyman Monaco to the Communist Party representative in Brownsville, expressing the A.L.P. thanks for his aid.

And today the Party's influence is greater by far than at any time since Brownsville Socialists help form the Communist movement in 1919.

You hear statements like this as you go around Brownsville:

"The Communist Party does more for my people than any other party," says Lucius Jackson, Negro grocer of 294 Dumont Ave.

And Dr. Jacob Greenfield, Brownsville Rabbi and Hebrew teacher and vice president of the Jewish Peoples Committee, told me:

"We must fight together against fascism."

He defended the united front with the Communists publicly at a debate with an editor of the Jewish Day at a Brownsville opera house last month.

RABBI FIGHTS FASCISM

Rabbi Greenfield is a mass leader in the fight against fascism. As vice president of the Anti- Nazi Council there he sends anti-fascists into Brownsville stores to keep the shelves free of Hitler goods.

Dr. Alter S. Landesman, head of the Hebrew Educational Society of 564 Hopkinson Ave., which takes the place of the settlement houses in this area, was also glad to talk to the Daily Worker and to urge Brownsville people's unity in the movement for a better community.

Most optimistic of all the Brownsville peoples' leaders I met was Carl Vedro, section organizer for the Communist Party.

Since he managed Peter Cacchione's Brooklyn campaign for City Council last fall, and saw a Communist elected (though counted out), his enthusiasm has risen.

"The base for a great united peoples' movement in Brownsville grows stronger day by day," he told the Daily Worker. "The fighting, progressive people of this community cannot be stopped."

I talked to Vedro in the comfortable Party headquarters at 1712 Pitkin Ave. The Party expects soon to have much larger headquarters, where full time Workers School activities can be carried on.

1,000 COMMUNISTS BY MAY

Party membership here rose from 600 to 800 in the last year, and Vedro expects to see 1,000 on the rolls by May.

I'm sorry I can't say more about the Brooklyn Rent Payers' organization fight for lower rents; or the Parents, Teachers Association's excellent campaign for new schools and playgrounds. Or the Club Council of 40 "cellar clubs," neighborhood clubs, which are uniting for joint protection and recreational progressive.

Brownsville is worth a book in itself.

Williamsburgh Tenants Meet On Rent Boost

Tenants Group, Alliance Give Aid; Yorkville Tenants Strike

Tenants in nine slum houses in Williamsburgh, fighting a rent increase and for removal of all violations, will meet tonight at Non-Partisan League Club, 167 Varet St., Brooklyn.

The nine houses, at 169, 173, 217, 219, and 247 Moore St., 215 and 217 Varet St. and 1003 and 1007 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn, are owned by a John Shoemaster.

An attempt to impose a rent increase of from $1 to $3 monthly resulted in the tenants appealing to the Workers Alliance and the Williamsburgh Tenants Union for aid. The majority of families in the nine houses are Negro and unemployed.

LANDLORD GETS PETITION

A petition signed by 107 tenants, presented to the landlord by the tenants' union, said that the rent increase could not be paid and demanded that all violations be removed.

Shoemaster agreed to remove violations and left the discussion of rent for a later date.

YORKVILLE TENANTS STRIKE

Tenants at 317 E. 100th St. declared a rent strike yesterday charging the landlord with breaking an agreement with the Yorkville Tenants League by refusing to paint and renovate the apartments.

The Tenants' League announced that 22 of the 30 tenants have agreed to take the strike action.

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Postal Raises for 15,000 Begin Today

The Postal Telegraph Company today announced wage increases, effective April 1, totalling $600,000 a year for 15,000 employes, in accordance with an agreement signed several months ago with the CIO—American Radio Telegraphists Association.

The conclusion of the agreement at that time marked the first major union victory and collective bargaining contract in the communications industry.

R. A. Gantt, operating vice-president, said the increases would affect those employes earning $160 a month or less.

"Employes receiving the largest share of the increase," he said, "are those whose rate of pay is $75 a month or less as of March 31, 1938, their salaries being increased by $4 a month."

Other rates of increase follow:

Employes receiving more than $75 a month and not more than $100, $3; $100 to $160 a month, $2; messengers compensated on a monthly pay basis, $1.25.

Gantt said messengers working on a piece work basis would receive "proportionate increases."

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NLRB Bans Co. Union

WASHINGTON, March 23 (UP).—The National Labor Relations Board tonight cancelled a collective bargaining contract between the Trenton-Philadelphia Coach Co., and an independent (company) union, and directed the company to reinstate with back pay three employes discharged for union activity.

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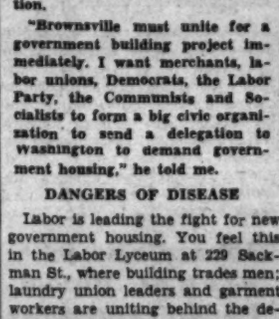

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Collective Peace Meeting Set for April 4 at Madison Sq. Garden

Mexicans Pour In Money to Aid Government Pay Oil Trusts

Women Give Jewelry, Workers Day's Work, Kids Give Savings

By ALFRED MILLER
(Special to the Sunday Worker)

MEXICO CITY, March 24. — Women are contributing jewelry, children are emptying their savings banks, workers are donating days of work and thousands upon thousands of other Mexican citizens made outright money contributions today to a Government fund to pay off foreign holdings in Mexico's key oil industry.

A wave of popular support for Mexico's declaration of economic independence from rebellious foreign imperialism, swept on to new heights today after 1,000,000 workers yesterday paraded throughout the country in support of the oil property expropriation.

Workers' children in secondary schools cut their daily allowance 25 centavos from 1 peso 50 to 1 peso 25.

A meeting of all state governors in Mexico City, the capital, decided to give the federal treasury an outright five per cent of their net income, and to cede to the national government all rights on income from oil extraction.

PEASANTS AID FIGHT

Engineer Vicente Cortes Serrera, Under-Secretary of Communications, has been appointed general manager of the national-owned petroleon industry.

The Bank of Mexico has authorized the coinage of 50,000,000 silver pesos as a safeguard to the stability of the national currency.

The Mexican Peasant Confederation, in congress here, resolved: "as representatives of the peasant class of the country, the confederation aids and supports the Cardenas government without limitations or restrictions, because its energetic attitude in solving the oil conflict and decreeing expropriation, in line with the decorum and dignity of the nation. . . .

"It declared emphatically that the workers of the fields and cities are firmly united at this historic moment which gives proof of the sovereignty and economic independence of Mexico."

The confederation promises to use all means to increase the country's agricultural production.

15,000 French Auto Workers Begin Sitdown

CitroenWorkersDemand Firm Make Contract— Gov't Calls Parley

PARIS, March 24.—Fifteen thousand workers struck and occupied plants of the Citroen Company, largest automobile manufacturer in France, as the powerful Metal Workers Union of the C.G.T. took vigorous steps to enforce renewal of collective contracts by sabotaging employers.

Other metal workers in automobile, aviation and steel plants in the Paris area were backing the Citroen workers with their full strength.

Among the demands of the striking workers was that the government halt the blockade of the Pyrenees frontier and permit the shipment of arms to the Republican government at Barcelona, hard-pressed by an Italian-German offensive.

Vincent Auriol, Minister for Coordination of Services, called in the head of the Automobile Manufacturers Association and insisted that representatives of that body attend a special commission tomorrow at the Labor Ministry, called to speed drafting of new collective contracts.

Previously Auriol had conferred with Leon Jouhaux, general secretary of the C.G.T., France's trade union federation, to enlist Jouhaux' support in settling the strike.

Citroen workers struck, they said, because of dilatory tactics of employers regarding new contracts.

WHAT'S ON

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"CRISIS IN EUROPE" . . . a lecture by Ben Davis, Jr., noted attorney and writer. Sunday, March 27th, 8:15 P.M. New Hall, 810 Locust St. Subs. 25c.

CAMP RIDGEDALE Victory Banquet, Sunday, April 3rd, Hotel Stephen Girard. Secure 3 Camp Members and be admitted Free.

A Symbol of Hate

Although the New York authorities claim the swastika on their smoke stack was designed purely to break the constructural monotony and has been there since 1927, years before Hitler came to power, so great has been the protest that the hospital said it would remove the hated symbol if some one will defray the expense—$1,000.

Bosses Bring Suit Against Teamsters

Bosses Are Attempting to Evade Contracts, Says 802 Sec'y

Court proceedings against Local 807, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, A. F. of L., were started yesterday by the Highway Transport Association and 11 individual trucking concerns.

The complaint filed in the Supreme Court alleged that the union failed to submit disputes to arbitration as provided for by contract.

The court action was predicted in a news story carried in the Daily Worker on Thursday, March 24, in which it was forecast that the employers were behind the present Federal investigation of the union.

Union spokesmen countered with charges that boss truckers had entered into a virtual conspiracy to halt strike actions against employer violations of the contracts and to evade the wages and hours provisions of the contracts.

Thomas Hickey, secretary-treasurer of Local 807, asserted that the Association was seeking "to take advantage" of the action of the U. S. Attorney General's office, which supboenaed the local's books and records March 15 to determine whether or not the local had violated the interstate commerce laws, as charged by certain employers.

RAILWAY PAY CUT DELAYED AFTER PARLEY

Union Leaders Confer with Executives in Washington

(By United Press)

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Proposals for a 10 to 15 per cent cut in the wages of 1,000,000 railroad workers will be held in abeyance pending the outcome of government plans to rehabilitate the $26,000,000,000 industry, railway labor and management executives agreed at a conference today.

A comprehensive program to aid the carriers was airmailed to President Roosevelt at Warm Springs, Ga., today by a three-man committee of Interstate Commerce commissioners headed by Chairman Walter M. W. Splawn.

The union leaders, headed by George Harrison, president of the Railway Clerks, conferred for four hours with the executives during which time all phases of the rail crisis were discussed.

"We talked over the whole economic situation," Harrison said. "We talked about wage reductions, about traffic conditions and about employes laid off. They told us how poor they were—and we told them how poor we were. Then we both agreed to wait a little while."

Earlier he had told newspapermen that the unions would not accept the proposed wage cut which executives said was made necessary by the refusal of the ICC to approve their demand for a 15 per cent increase in freight rates.

Laborite Urges Bank Deposit Relief Taxes

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sure on Albany." He told Lyons to read the Mayor's message, which said the city may be able to rescind the cut in a few days or about April 1 if it gets assurance that necessary tax legislation will be enacted by that time.

In proposing a tax on commercial bank deposits to relieve much of the burden on workers and small consumers, Mr. Vladeck said that available figures showed there was on deposit in commercial banks of the city, as of Jan. 1, 1938, eleven billion dollars.

"Probably another billion is on deposit in private banks," he said. "A 1-25 of 1 per cent tax on this amount would produce about $5,000,000. If the tax were imposed also on deposits in savings banks, it would yield another million and a half dollars."

The proceeds of this tax, Vladeck predicted, used for relief, would make up, together with the other miscellaneous additional taxes now being considered by the City Council, the $12,000,000 which the State took away from the relief budget by limiting the city's utility tax to 1 per cent.

Spain Aid Parley Backs Union Sq. Rally Monday

100 Labor, Church, Liberal Groups at Mecca Temple Parley Vote Unanimous Support; Rally to Urge End of Spain Embargo

A Madison Square Garden meeting has been called for April 4, by a group of outstanding American peace movement leaders to urge fullest American participation in efforts to stop present wars and secure world peace through co-operation of the democratic nations of the world.

The Committee for Peace through World Cooperation, sponsor of the meeting, consists of Henry A. Atkinson, Harry F. Ward, Henrietta Roelofs, Clark M. Eichelberger, William B. Spofford, Charles G. Fenwick, Margaret Forsyth, Marion M. Miller, William W. Hinckley and Edgar J. Fisher.

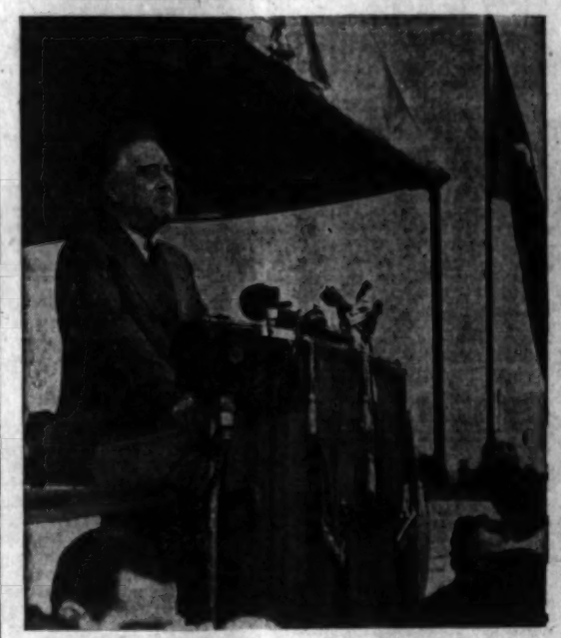
The Right Rev. G. Ashton Oldham, Bishop of Albany, will preside at the Garden meeting.

Voting unanimous support to the Union Square demonstration for Spain on Monday, March 28, at 5 P.M., representatives of more than 100 labor, liberal and church organizations at Mecca Temple Wednesday evening during an emergency conference called by the Medical Bureau and North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy, also contributed more than $5,000 for Spanish medical aid. In addition, about $4,500 in pledges were made.

The Union Square demonstration was called by the Medical Bureau and North American Committee to protest the embargo against Spain and to mobilize emergency aid for Spain in the present crisis. Speakers who have already accepted include Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense; Dr. Irving Bush, who returns to New York on the Normandie on Monday after a tour of duty as head of the American hospitals in Spain; and the Rev. Herman F. Reissig, organization executive secretary.

Speakers at the Wednesday night conference included Representative Byron C. Scott of California, who in three speeches during the day called for the repeal of the Neutrality Act; James Waterman Wise and Dr. Reissig.

President Denounces 'Fascist Few'



President Roosevelt speaking at the dedication of Roosevelt Square in Gainesville, Ga., asserts a "selfish few" are holding back the nation's progress and warns the industrial South that with millions of its workers underpaid it cannot vie with the North in efficiency.

Harlem Assemblyman Repudiates McNaboe Bill

Assemblyman Robert W. Justice Tells Delegation Vote Was Recorded in His Absence—Urges Lehman to Veto Fascist Measure

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lem Legislative Conference," of which he is a co-sponsor. The Conference, representing a host of community organizations, has mapped a progressive legislative program which is being sponsored by Harlem and A. L. P. Assemblymen.

SPONSORED 2 BILLS

Assemblymen W. T. Andrews, Negro Democrat, and Oscar Garcia Rivera, progressive Republican-Fusion, also Harlem co-sponsors of the Conference, voted against the McNaboe-Devaney bill. Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense, is chairman of the Conference.

"I want to keep the ranks of the Conference sponsors solid," Assemblyman Justice stated, continuing:

"I was recorded in the affirmative for the bill in my absence. If I had been in Albany at the time, I would have voted against the McNaboe-Devaney bill to uphold the fenets of the Harlem Legislative Conference."

During the interview, Assemblyman Justice stated that he had sponsored two bills at the behest of the Conference. One No. 1839, a public health law, would prevent the railroad corporations from forcing Negro dining car employes to sleep in Pullman dining cars. It was sponsored also by the Local 370, Dining Car Employes, A. F. of L. The measure would have increased the wages of the employes by assuring them pay for the work hours for which they receive no credit.

The Negro Assemblyman stated that the New York Central Railroad Company sent high-pressure attorneys to lobby against the measure and that the company had tried to buy him off.

SLUM CLEARANCE MEASURE

"I referred them however, to the Harlem Legislative Conference and to the people of the community who had entrusted this bill to my sponsorship," the Negro Assemblyman stated.

The second bill, No. 1817, called for a $5,000,000 appropriation for slum clearance in Harlem.

"In both of these bills, the American Labor Party Assemblymen gave me their full support," he continued.

He urged the people to write to Gov. Lehman also to sign the bill appropriating $25,000 to continue the work of the New York Temporary State Commission to investigate Urban Conditions among Negroes, which is directed by Lester Granger progressive Negro officer of the National Urban League. This appropriation bill was also one of the demands of the Harlem Legislative Conference.

"The fate of the legislation advanced by the Conference shows that we must build the Conference much stronger," the Assemblyman stated.

Rivera Backs Harlem Relief Fight at Rally

Williams Urges FDR to Expand Art Projects Delegation Told

"We are facing a situation that we cannot tolerate," declared Assemblyman Oscar Garcia Rivera, last night, to an assemblage of 800 citizens of Harlem called together by the Workers Alliance to plan action on the relief crisis.

"The issue," continued Assemblyman Rivera, "is whether we are going to starve sitting down or struggle. Without struggle your relief problems will receive no consideration because the reactionaries in the Assembly and Senate don't care about you and your problems."

Assemblyman Rivera denounced both Republicans and Democrats in the Assembly for "killing progressive bills" and endorsed the Workers' Alliance demonstration before City Hall, Saturday.

The meeting, held at the Harlem Workers' Alliance, 306 Lenox Ave., adopted resolutions of protest against the McNaboe-Devaney bill, against the murderous assault on Charlie Weems, one of the imprisoned Scottsboro Boys and for passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill.

Organizations and individuals were requested to meet at headquarters at 9:30 Saturday morning in preparation for the City Hall demonstration.

Paul Edwards, chief administrator of the Five-Arts on WPA, told a committee representing organizations on the projects that Aubrey Williams, assistant WPA administrator, has placed before President Roosevelt a recommendation for expansion of the projects in the arts fields.

The demand for a 10 per cent expansion on the projects to provide work for unemployed artists has been an issue for several months but administration officials gave no definite answer to the many petitioning delegations.

Sol Brauner, chairman of the Five-Arts Committee that met with Edwards yesterday, reported the answer to a crowd of 250 artists outside 95 Madison Ave., the administration offices, which they had picketed continuously for 50 hours. He urged that letters should be written to the President urging him to act favorably upon Williams' proposal. Edwards was informed from Washington of Williams' action shortly before the committee saw him, Brauner said.

Strong Trend Toward Collective Action Seen at Peace Parley

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24. —Indications of growing sentiment for collective security in the American peace movement were indicated today at the conference for world economic cooperation of the National Peace Conference.

Consisting of some 40 affiliated peace groups, many of which have a large membership, the National Peace Conference has frequently been considered as the official peace movement in the United States.

Although among the 600 delegates gathered to consider economic means of bringing peace, many are isolationists, those who advocate concerted peace action by democratic nations have considerable influence and authority.

Considerable weight to those opposing isolation was given in the official conference report on which discussions are based. The report was drawn up by 30 leading experts.

It states in part:

"Some members of the committee have questioned whether the United States can in good conscience ask other nations to cooperate in a program of economic improvement which means economic disarmament, without showing more willingness to give its own cooperation in collective efforts for increasing the security of peoples by making peace settlements easier and armed aggression more difficult.

"Certainly economic cooperation is not enough. World economic cooperation for the welfare of the common people cannot be hoped for, will almost surely give way to a frantic economic preparedness even more costly than military preparedness, unless definite progress can be made at the same time toward realizing political tensions, lessening the fear of war, and increasing the sense of security of people throughout the world."

Two of the signers of the report, Maxwell Stewart, associate editor of the Nation, and Professor Colston Warne of Amherst College, recommended a more positive and definite statement of the need for action against fascist aggression.

The issue of isolation versus collective action will be debated by conference delegates tomorrow afternoon in what is expected to be one of the high-lights of the conference.

REV. RYAN DEBUNKS THEORY

Rt. Rev. John A. Ryan, director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Council, debunked the false theories about "have not" nations which possess the right to obtain raw materials by force at a banquet tonight.

"It is contended that the 'have nots' are unable to obtain the vitally necessary raw materials on reasonable terms in the regular course of international trade," Ryan said. "Some of these nations have attempted or have threatened to remedy this situation by force."

As a matter of fact, however, the colonial lands of the world produce a much smaller quantity and variety of raw materials than is generally supposed. Most of the basic commodities are found in non-colonial areas."

State Court Holds SLRB Rulings Valid

State High Court Rules Colliers, Davega to Reinstate Workers

In two New York State Supreme Court decisions, the State Labor Relations Board was upheld yesterday in its findings of unfair labor practices against two firms.

The companies, the Collier Advertising Service, Inc., and the Davega-City Radio Corp., sought to have the findings of the Board reversed. The Retail Stand Employes' Union, Local 906-B, C. I. O., and the United Retail Employes' Union, Local 830, C. I. O., were the two unions involved. Samuel Sacher represented both unions.

The decisions, first sustaining the Board in cases involving unfair labor practices after an order had been issued, reaffirmed the principle recently set by the United States Supreme Court that the courts will ordinarily not review the evidence before the State Board as long as sufficient evidence is indicated.

DENIES COLLIER PLEA

Justice Charles B. McLaughlin denied the Collier application for a reversal of the findings. The Board found the company failed to bargain in good faith, ordered the reinstatement of striking workers, and required that the company pay workers who are not reinstated. Justice McLaughlin directed the company to comply with the Board's order.

Lithuanians to Picket Polish Consul Saturday

Calling upon all defenders of worker nations to help them, the Lithuanians of New York City prepared today to demonstrate in front of the Polish Consulate at 151 E. 67th St. this Saturday, March 26, at 11 A. M.

Lithuanian-American newspapers and fraternal organizations are leading in protesting Polish aggression against the independence of Lithuania. Lithuanians in the entire country have been called upon to boycott Polish goods as an effective means of stopping the Polish threat to Lithuanian independence.

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Druggist Aids Youth Who Robbed Him of $5

Arthur Jankowitz, 20, who, on March 14 was arrested for a five-dollar robbery and placed on $50,000 bail, was remanded for sentence yesterday on a charge of third degree robbery.

Jankowitz, who never committed a previous offense, became desperate after being turned down by relief authorities. His 18-year-old wife Mollie is soon to give birth.

He had applied for relief in December and January but was told to avail himself of the unemployment insurance right. Unemployment insurance officials did not finally approve his application until he was out of work for five months, but four days after he was already imprisoned.

Judge George W. Martin, Kings County Court, who placed the huge bail upon the youth admitted yesterday that a check showed that Jankowitz "is a nice boy" and is well-recommended from the New York Hebrew Orphan Asylum, where he was brought up. Assistant District Attorney M. Kearn too retreated on the case in agreeing to make the charge third degree robbery unarmed, in place of the former more serious chage. But the youth is still liable to a maximum sentence of 10 years.

Jankowitz was defended in court by Attorney M. Sprung.

The owner of the drug store which Jankowitz held up and others who had a part in the arrest of the youth have expressed the hope that sentence would be suspended, upon learning the nature of the case.

Meanwhile his wife, the young expectant mother, at her uncle's home, 3061 Brighton Second St., Brooklyn, pleaded with her former friends at the orphanage where she, too, was an inmate, for aid in her plight. The case has attracted wide attention.

"Artie was driven to this by hunger and because of the expected child," she said. "He is not bad."

Browder Speaks at Town Hall Forum

"Communism in theory and practice" was explained in clear and simple terms by Earl Browder, General Secretary, Communist Party, in a lecture under that title to a select Town Hall audience yesterday afternoon. Fourth in a series of prominent lecturers leading a Town Hall course on current political and economic issues, Browder sketched the basic program and aims and the methods of the Communist Party.

Browder prefaced his remarks with a powerful attack on "those newspapers who are trying to present the Communist Party as a conspiracy to overthrow the government by a coup d'etat," stating in detail the Party's position on force and violence and for the defense of democracy.

Questions from as wide a field as agriculture under socialism, personal liberty, the rate of development of the Soviet Union as compared to the United States, and whether it is possible to change society without there first being a change in the human heart, were answered by Browder at the close of his lecture.

Norman Thomas presented the Socialist Party's position at a recent session of the series and one of the future speakers will be George E. Sokolsky, in defense of capitalism.

Reorganizing Bill Passage Seen Assured

Tories Out to Knife All FDR Bills; New Deal Shows Strength

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the C.C.C. Camps, an auditing clerk, Reno B. Stitely, was recently able to abscond with $85,000. As an employe of the Interior Department, he made out a voucher to the War Department and managed to get away with it for a while.

CUTS INEFFICIENCY

The reorganization bill, then, gives the President the right to cut out this type of inefficiency, to do away with overlapping agencies, to extend civil service, and to appoint a single civil service administrator.

Extremely important from the point of view of labor and progressives is a provision for the establishment of a new governmental department, the Department of Welfare, with jurisdiction over relief and unemployment, education, protection of the aged, assistance of the aged, and the like. Also significant is the placing of the national resources planning board on a more permanent and stable basis.

ABOLISH COMPTROLLER GENERAL

Finally, to end the present situation in which the Comptroller General has not made important reports for 12 years, that office is abolished, and a much needed general auditing office is established.

It is this bill which has brought hysterical shouts of "fascism" and "dictatorship" at President Roosevelt from those, the very groups that would impose fascism and dictatorship in the United States.

It is this bill which brought forth the following desperate burst of oratory from Senator Josiah W. Bailey, of North Carolina.

"I am saying that as we love our constitution, as we would preserve the democratic process in America, in an hour when the night seems to be approaching as the night approaches day by day from the east to the west, when the light still shines here, let us, you and I resist the beginnings of every move, every motion, every bill, every amendment, that tends to impair the force of the constitutional obligation . . . resting upon us Senators. . . ."

Bailey's eloquence sheds considerable light on the manner in which fascist-minded forces in the United States are attempting to divert this epithet from themselves by branding every progressive, New Deal measure as "fascist," but very little on the reorganization bill.

Obviously, there is nothing that would set up a dictatorship in the bill. It gives the President authority to do a much needed job. He is given a specific time limit, until July 1, 1940, in which to do it, so that any talk of what other Presidents may do under the bill is beside the point.

TORIES OPPOSE BILL

Extremely revealing is the fact that precisely those Senators who have raised the loudest hue and cry about government waste and inefficiency, and about numerous, overlapping new agencies, bitterly oppose the present measure which hits at precisely these evils.

Just as the tory bloc was not primarily interested in aiming at "inefficiency" in the New Deal setup, it is not primarily interested in the "dictatorship" charges it is hurling now.

What it is interested in is utilizing every possible opportunity to knife the President and the New Deal. The same Democratic tories who opposed the court reform proposals are fighting the reorganization bill. Senators Wheeler, Holt, Burke and Bailey are now veterans of a score of battles in which they have invariably lined up with the reactionary Republicans.

This line-up is being constantly solidified. It has resulted in too many victories for the reactionaries already. For them the reorganization bill has another issue on which they hoped to embarrass and impede the President.

Progressives will applaud loudly if the administration gives them a good sound licking at last.

Ask Japan Pay

SHANGHAI, March 24. — British authorities have forwarded to Tokyo, it was learned today, claims of approximately $540,000 indemnity for bombings similar to that of the American gunboat Panay, for which the United States has asked $2,214,007.36.

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Franco Spies Bared by Daily Worker Still Active Here

Fascist Agents Seek a New Route for Sending Arms to Franco

(Continued from page 1)

pany will be in a position to laugh at the U. S. neutrality laws which hove placed an embargo on the Spanish Republic. The New York company, under the scheme, can use the Nordkap to carry guns from Genoa to Seville, where it would reload with olives, olive oil and wine for the trans-Atlantic run to New York.

At the very time the steamship company agents were touring abroad to negotiate the pro-Franco business deal Manuel Diaz and Marcelino Garcia, Sr., heads of the firm, were applying in Federal Court for United States citizenship. A protest against granting of the final citizenship papers to shipowners was lodged before the Department of Immigration by C. A. Hathaway, editor of the Daily Worker, in a letter charging the two men are agents of a foreign fascist government. The Federal Court has their application for citizenship under advisement.

Victor Alvarez, an American citizen, was definitely linked with the New York Spanish fascist junta by documentary evidence published in the Daily Worker on May 10, 1937.

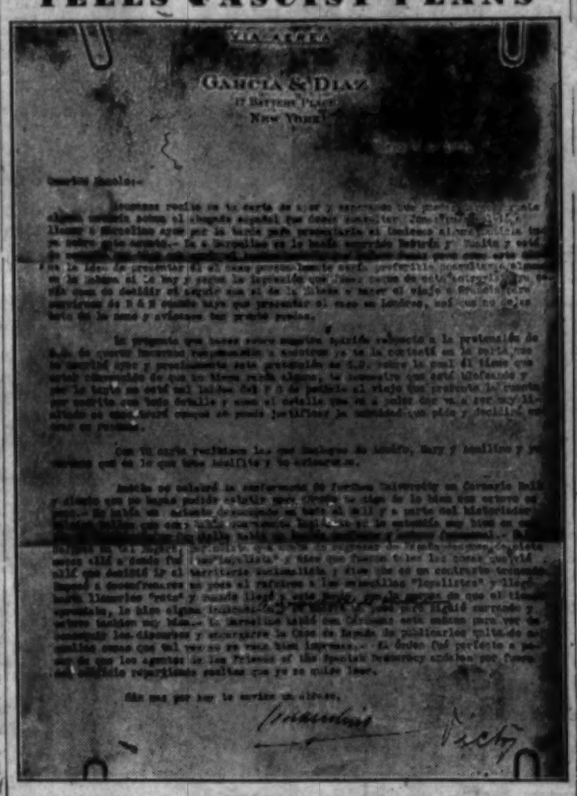
A letter in Spanish, signed by Garcia and Alvarez and sent to Diaz in Cuba on March 20, 1937, a photostat of which was published in the Daily Worker last May and is republished again today, tells of their work of organizing a pro-fascist meeting in Carnegie Hall on March 19. The letter speaks of their connection with Cardenas, chief Franco representative here.

Said Garcia and Alvarez of the anti-democratic meeting in Carnegie Hall, which was addressed by pro-fascist English writer, Hilaire Belloc, and the Jesuit fascist priest Jaime Castiello:

"Marcelino has already spoken with Cardenas this morning in order to try to obtain the speeches so that the Casa de Espana could take care of publishing them, taking out those things that perhaps would not look good in print. The order was perfect in spite of the fact that the agents of the Friends of Spanish Democracy were outside the building handing out leaflets that I did not want to read."

The anti-democratic speeches were later published and distributed by Hamilton M. Wright, a reactionary publicity agent at Rockefeller Plaza, which did publicity for the strike-breaking Flint Alliance during the General Motors strike.

TELLS FASCIST PLANS



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The above letter, signed by Marcelino Garcia, shipowner, and Victor Alvarez, fascist agent and U. S. citizen, now enroute to Seville on special mission, reveals the men's connection with a ring of Franco supporters who are spreading anti-democratic propaganda in America.

Translation of the last paragraph of the letter follows:

"Last night the Fordham University conference was held at Carnegie Hall and I am sorry that you could not attend because it was very good, to say the least. There was not an empty seat in the entire hall. The historian Hilaire Belloc, since he speaks with an English accent, could not be understood very well, but the Jesuit Jaime Castiello speaks perfect English and he was wonderful. Later, a certain Rogers, a journalist who has just returned after seven months in Spain, where he went as a 'Loyalist', and said that such were the things that he saw there, that he decided to go to Nationalist territory, and he says that the contrast was tremendous. He began to forget himself a little in referring to the 'Loyalist' heads and he even called them 'rats' and when he arrived at this point with the excuse that the time was short, the President of Fordham said something to him and he became a little more moderate but he continued lashing and he was very good. Marcelino has already spoken with Cardenas this morning in order to try to obtain the speeches so that the Casa de Espana could take care of publishing them, taking out those things that perhaps would not look well in print. The order was perfect in spite of the fact that the agents of the Friends of Spanish Democracy were outside the building handing out leaflets that I did not want to read."

Disbarment Move Against Lawyer For CIO Assailed

Disbarment charges preferred against Edward Lamb, of Toledo, Ohio, were today denounced as groundless, hypocritical, and an attack upon the labor movement under a false cover of protection to the dignity of anti-labor courts, by Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense.

The charges against Lamb are based on his insistence that he be given opportunity to defend the United Shoe Workers of America against injunction proceedings at Portsmouth, Ohio, where the union was on strike last August.

Scottsboro, Anti-Lynch Rallies in Harlem Tonight

The people of Harlem will take to the streets this evening in a mighty protest against the attack on Charlie Weems, one of the Scottsboro Boys, and to demand passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill.

The deliberate stabbing of Charlie Weems, just a few hours before President Roosevelt called for putting an end to Lynch Law, evoked a wave of hot indignation in Harlem. Open air meetings throughout Harlem yesterday demanded freedom of the Scottsboro Boys and passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill.

The demonstration will start from 126th St. and Seventh Ave. at 7 P.M.

COMPLETE FUR WALKOUT SEEN AS TALK FAILS

Gold Charges Bosses Stall; Strike of 20,000 Certain

A general strike of 20,000 fur workers on March 31 appeared unavoidable yesterday.

A conference between the Furriers Joint Council and the Associated Fur Coat and Trimming Manufacturers, Inc. in the offices of the State Mediation Board in the morning again resulted in no settlement as employers continued "stalling and bluffing."

Ben Gold, president of the International Fur Workers Union and chairman of the general strike committee, which has been in charge of the lockout ordered by the employers five weeks ago, charged after the conference that:

CHARGE BOSSES STALL

"We are convinced that the leaders of the manufacturers association came to the conference without any idea of making a peaceful settlement. On the contrary, they came to the conference with the idea of stalling and bluffing the union and the State Mediation Board which have been trying to achieve a peaceful and honorable settlement.

"Instead of getting down to brass tacks, the representatives of the employers again repeated deceitful and false arguments which the union representatives have refuted time and again.

"In view of the arbitrary and stubborn attitude of the bosses, a general strike is unavoidable and certain on Thursday morning, March 31. The public of New York City should know that the full responsibility for this general strike of 20,000 fur workers rests upon the irresponsible leaders of the Association."

Union leaders and representatives of the Association met together for only a few minutes and then held separate conferences at the Board offices, 366 Broadway, with Arthur S. Davis, chairman of the Board, presiding.

Although Jules S. Freund, Board member, said that another conference was likely on Monday, Gold declared that unless the employers indicate they are willing to seriously discuss the union demands for equal division of work and job security, no conferences will be held.

Gold said that the general strike committee would meet tonight to work out last-minute details for the announced strike.

While the conference was in progress, 1,000 wives of furriers and women fur workers marched through the fur market at noon yesterday to demonstrate their protest against the lockout and support of the union demands.

A meeting of shop chairmen has been called for 2 P. M. today at Irving Plaza to discuss the failure of the employers to agree to union demands and the plans for the general strike.

25,000 MASS IN ERIE COUNTY FOR WPA JOBS

Alliance Rallies Today; City Bankrupt; Brophy to Speak for CIO

By Charles Doyle

(Erie County Workers Alliance Organizer)

BUFFALO, March 24.—Called by the Erie County Industrial Union Council, union workers and unemployed of this area will mass tomorrow in a demonstration for 25,000 WPA jobs for Erie County.

Among the speakers featured are John Brophy, national director of the CIO and Richard Frankensteen, vice-president of the United Automobile Workers.

Stressing the emergency situation in this city with relief funds depleted and nearly 38 per cent of the population dependent upon public relief, the CIO called upon all organizations here to join in a united demonstration.

GRAFT OFFICIALS DEPLETE TREASURY

Since March 1 the burden for this city was transferred to Erie County. This was made necessary because of the bankrupt state of the city's treasury in which it was left by the previous city officials, several of whom are under indictment for corruption. The city's borrowing capacity has been exhausted in face of a sudden increase in relief rolls with 104,000 now dependent upon various relief agencies who with their families are estimated to embrace 275,000 persons.

Untold hardship stalks among the unemployed of the industrial area along the Niagara Frontier which has been among the hardest hit in the recent economic decline.

So bankrupt is the city that the most immediate relief that could be obtained, WPA jobs, are beyond its reach because it lacks the 20 per cent that localities must contribute for materials to obtain projects.

Hugh Thompson, CIO regional director, reported recently upon his return from Washington that WPA officials assured him of an unlimited fund for Buffalo aid provided the city contributes its fifth.

The Workers Alliance and the unions were assured that suggestions for projects which would require a minimum outlay of funds for materials would be welcomed and speedily put into effect.

The Workers Alliance has already made a number of proposals among which one is for demolition of old buildings for which there is already available a fund of $75,000; also street paving, grading, swamp drainage, playground, tree planting and many similar projects.

Meanwhile the fight has also been taken up here in support of the proposal of Mayor LaGuardia of New York City, that cities should get the entire three per cent tax on utility incomes for relief purposes. Also the demand has been raised here that the state increase its share of the relief burden to 60 per cent.

Boycott Japanese Goods

(Editor's Note: The following article is the text of a speech delivered by Joseph Breslau, Manager of Local 35 and Vice-President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, at the China Aid Rally of the Manhattan Borough Committee of the American League for Peace and Democracy at the Hotel Center, February 9th. Breslau's speech was one of the highlights of an extremely successful meeting. The following is reprinted from "On Guard for Peace and Democracy," published monthly by the United Cloakmakers Branch of the American League for Peace and Democracy:)

JOSEPH BRESLAU, International Ladies Garment Workers Union leader, is shown speaking at a recent meeting to aid Spain.

It is very difficult at the present time for a person in my position to direct his mind to the question of war and fascism. The first to feel the effects of hard times, a union officer today is occupied without interruption with the problems of unemployment and with the opposition to the attempts of employers seeking to reduce trade wages and standards. He lives in a world of hardship and struggle and urgent immediacy.

It is no easy task, therefore, to leave the hardships of our own local behind us and take a mental trip people. I especially protest this of thousands of miles to far-off China and Japan. And yet I will acknowledge that I would be very eager to attend this meeting under any circumstances, for in good times or bad, I am at all times interested in the welfare of the Soviet Union and it is my opinion that the interests of the Soviet Union are indissolubly bound up with the Sino-Japanese conflict. The unwarranted invasion of Japanese troops upon Chinese soil, it is generally conceded, is motivated by the attempt to weaken Soviet Russia's defense and represents Japan's first direct blow to that government. I protest this attack upon Russia and China and will do all in my power to combat it.

DEFENDS USSR

I am a trade unionist and not a Communist. I have never been a Communist, and, indeed, there are people in this audience who wouldn't believe me if I said I was one. These people know my background, my origin and my make-up—they know I am not a Communist. But I am a worker, and thinking from a worker's point of view, I declare that every worker in our country—or any country—ought to give his unstinted support to the Soviet Union when it is threatened with foreign attack.

Theoretical differences that may exist are not important at times of crisis. What is important is that Soviet Russia is uncontestably the only truly workers' government in the world and as such requires and deserves the support of workers the world over. When Soviet Russia is endangered by attack, direct or indirect, it is the duty and obligation of all workers, of all labor unions and of all liberal and thinking people to come to its defense. Workers must be loyal to their class and that loyalty is well expressed in confidence in the aims of the Soviet Union and in the protection of those aims.

I wish to enter a second most emphatic protest. I deplore and decry the horrible brutality and barbarism inflicted upon the Chinese that we Americans can ignore it. I believe we are duty-bound to raise our collective protest, duty-bound brutality in the absence of an official declaration of war. War, with its fearful loss of life and property, is bad enough under any conditions. But in a state of war the civilian population is at least given an opportunity of protecting itself, of protecting the lives of the women and children not directly implicated in the warfare. The Japanese government has not shown even this elementary human concern. Without warning, without regard to accepted international practices, it has sent its machinery of destruction into China—its troops, its naval weapons, its planes and its bombs. Unmindful of the most fundamental standards of human decency, it has proceeded with the slaughter of innocent and defenseless populations. As a citizen of the United States, as one long accustomed to the methods of American liberty, I cannot tolerate this barbarism. I do not believe to reply to Japan with all our moral and economic pressure, and duty-bound vigilantly to maintain these pressures until we and others have halted the slaughter.

INTERNATIONAL FASCISM

The entire situation in the Orient brings into bold relief the international character of fascism that trade unionists must recognize. Fascism is no longer a small bundle of private nations operating under dictatorships. In recent years, fascist operations have extended beyond the national borders of the fascist states and these ventures have been so successful as to encourage the fascist dictators to make of fascism a movement of world-wide proportions operating on an international scale. Mussolini was the first to extend his sphere of influence beyond the limits of his own country, annexing Ethiopia. This he accomplished without regard to legality of procedure and in the face of the League of Nations opposition and practically unanimous condemnation. Hitler did likewise in remilitarizing the Rhine valley. The two dictators then combined in support of the Spanish insurrection and went further with the creation of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis, bringing fascist internationalism into the open.

Today's occurrence in China are thus not just Chinese matters. Japan's aggression carries significance in that it is the latest of the fascist militaristic adventures. It is the latest illustration of the fascist illegal use of force for the fascist end. It is the latest to demonstrate the existence of a fascist international line-up.

I am afraid that the fascists' continued substitution of the battlefield for the council table will bring sorrowful results to the world. As workers, we have always opposed war because we have opposed bloodshed. Wars have always been agencies of profit for private, capitalistic interests and have never brought benefits to the working class. There is grave danger, however, that a war of self-protection is coming, a war to eliminate the organized advances of the fascists. Fascism continues to organize, to grow in strength and to wave the big stick. It refuses to be confined to legal restrictions.

URGES BOYCOTT

Under these circumstances it seems inevitable that the democratic forces of the world, tired of being bullied and bluffed into peaceful acquiescence, will be stimulated to reaction. The opposition of fascism and democracy will become sharp, clear and world-wide. In that struggle the working class will have no alternative but to support the destroyers of fascism. We will be driven by our interests to join the democratic forces, for these are our primary interests and our primary aims. For these reasons, we must stir to action against the extension of fascism without delay. Let us awaken the opposition to the Japanese aggression. Let us organize every power of suasion, of propaganda and of boycott in behalf of the Chinese people and, by doing so, aid the speedy destruction of the fascist aims.

7 Years of Scottsboro Proved Strength of Mass Pressure; 4 Are Free; All Are Alive; Fight to Save Rest Spurred

By Anna Damon
National Secretary
International Labor Defense

Seven years ago—on March 25, 1931—the world was unaware of the fact that nine young Negro boys were riding on a freight train across the State of Alabama. Today the details of that journey and the frame-up which was hatched around it aimed at the rights and liberties of the entire Negro people have become familiar around the globe.

The very words "Scottsboro case—Scottsboro" have taken on a meaning far beyond their origin—a sleepy little town in Northern Alabama. They have become synonymous with struggle, unity, ceaseless activity in rallying the forces of liberty and justice—Negro and white together—against a bitter reaction, determined to do nine innocent boys to death by legal lynching that the oppression of the Negro people by a rule of terror and discrimination might continue.

The Scottsboro frame-up was only one aspect of a policy that was openly proclaimed in the United States Senate only a few weeks ago during the shameful disgrace of the filibuster against the anti-lynching bill. The undisguised spokesman for lynch law in the South—Bilbo, Ellender and the rest—"explained" the Scottsboro case in no uncertain terms, more clearly even than the representatives of Alabama justice dared to do in Alabama court rooms during the seven years history of the frame-up.

And yet, because of the world-wide front of defense, of which the I.L.D. is proud to be able to record that it was the initiator, Alabama has been checked and check-mated in its purpose every step of the way.

4 ARE FREE—ALL ARE ALIVE

The boys are alive! Four of them are free! Two great decisions were won in their behalf in the Supreme Court of the United States. And most significant of all—less than a year ago, in July, 1937, Alabama "justice" itself was forced to admit the whole case was a frame-up, when it released four of the boys with the statement that Victoria Price's testimony against them (the only shred of "evidence" the state had left after six years of merciless exposure of the true facts by the defense) was "mistaken." Even the Southern press was forced to state that Alabama's "case" had been shattered.

But more than legal battles alone were won in the Scottsboro case by the defense, far more. The broadest united front of defense in the history of that movement—centering in the Scottsboro Defense Committee—has been forged around the fight for the lives and freedom of nine innocent boys. **The might of united mass pressure and united mass action was proven beyond the shadow of a doubt.**

And it is this united mass pressure that must be rallied for the final victory.

For the second time, Alabama "justice" is showing its fangs openly and trying to end the Scottsboro case in its own way—without risking further defeat in the courts.

Several months ago, Alabama authorities secretly shipped Haywood Patterson (still under 75-year sentence) to a murder chain-gang at Atmore, Ala., while he was suffering from a serious bone infection in the knee. Atmore is in the most desolate area of Alabama, out of sight and out of reach—at least so Alabama authorities hoped.

PROTEST FORCES RETURN

But a nation-wide movement started by the Scottsboro Defense Committee, forced Haywood Patterson's prompt removal back to the comparative safety of Birmingham's Jefferson County Jail.

On Jan. 15, these same authorities with the greatest secrecy transferred Ozie Powell to Atmore. Ozie Powell is in a much more serious condition than even Haywood Patterson was. He has never really recovered from the bullet wounds in his head received when he was shot by a deputy sheriff in January, 1936. All reports indicate that he cannot long survive the regime of a chain-gang. Ozie Powell is serving a 20-year sentence for "assaulting" that very deputy sheriff. The State dropped the "rape" charges against him when it freed four of the boys in 1937. His is not one of three cases on appeal before the State Supreme Court. Alabama "justice" wants to finish him fast and Atmore is the place that will do it, unless he is immediately removed and taken to a place where he can receive proper medical care.

On March 22, a brutal guard at Kilby Prison pulled a knife and cut deep slashes in the face and chest of Charlie Weems, inflicting wounds which, if he recovers from them, will disfigure and probably partially paralyze him. The warden announced that the guard acted "in self-defense"—with a knife!

The appeals in the cases of Clarence Norris (sentenced to death), Andy Wright (99 years), Charles Weems (75 years), are still pending before the State Supreme Court, which will hear argument on May 12.

Action to complete the Scotsboro victory—immediate united action is imperative to save the lives of Ozie Powell, Charlie Weems and to safeguard and free all five remaining Scottsboro boys.

PARLEY SPURS FIGHT

As the Anti-Lynch Conference of the National Negro Congress, held in Washington on March 19, the whole question of the Scottsboro case and the fight for passage of the anti-lynch bill was linked together in one plan of action:

To make March 25, seventh anniversary of the arrest of the boys the date for intensification of the campaign on both issues, with election of anti-lynch committees in all organizations and cities throughout the nation. April 3 is to be a National Anti-Lynch Scottsboro Day in all churches. On April 9, mass parades and demonstrations are to be held throughout the nation on these issues.

Around this program, and independently of it as well, all friends of liberty and justice must do the following things to make the seventh anniversary of the Scottsboro case its last:

Flood Governor Graves with protest demands for Ozie Powell's transfer from Atmore; for punishment of the guard who slashed Charlie Weems; for protection and freedom for all five boys.

Raise these questions in every trade union body for prompt and effective action; help organize and attend Scottsboro mass meetings; get petitions from the Scottsboro Defense Committee, 112 East 19th Street, New York City, and get them filled with the greatest speed. It is these small actions that add up to united mass pressure—the only force that can bring victory.

Seven years too long! Let us unite our forces for the final drive—for justice in the Scottsboro case—life and freedom for the remaining five boys!

THE FOUR BOYS WHO ARE FREE

EUGENE WILLIAMS — ROY WRIGHT
WILLIE ROBERTSON — OLIN MONTGOMERY

Negro Youth to Hold City-Wide Job Parley

Negro Congress Group Urges Youth Backing of May 13 Parley

The youth section of the National Negro Congress, at its last meeting initiated a campaign for a city-wide Negro Youth Conference for Jobs, Security and Opportunity, Dorothy Height, chairman of the group, announced.

The conference which will convene May 13, will issue calls to youth organizations asking for delegates.

Kenneth Clark, executive member of the youth section urging participation in the conference said:

"In taking into consideration the organization of the National Negro Congress, we must realize that its program calls for the working together towards one goal. If after the conference, we would organize youth groups, and a federation of youth clubs we would have accomplished something."

The immediate problems facing Negro youth and their relationship to the problems of youth of the entire world will be stressed.

Special attention will be paid to the problem of peace in a symposium on the Sino-Japanese war and its relation to the Negro people.

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The President's Speech At Gainesville

• "When you come down to it, there is little difference between the feudal system and the fascist system. If you believe in the one, you lean to the other."

With these words President Roosevelt put his finger on one of the principal sources of fascism in the United States in his notable speech at Gainesville, Georgia, on Wednesday.

Mr. Roosevelt pointed out that it is those who are keeping wages down who "lean" to fascism. He indirectly held up the South—with its depressed standards of living affecting workers, farmers and small businessmen alike—as a horrible example to the rest of the country of what it would mean should the fascist-minded reactionaries emerge victorious in the Fall elections.

For the President's speech was directed squarely against those members of Congress—especially from the South—who have been obstructing the wages-hours bill and every other piece of progressive legislation and who will appear before the people in the coming primaries. His speech was intended to encourage the New South—a progressive, social-minded South—that has been developing recently—to throw off the shackles of the Old South. It was this New South that sent Lister Hill to the Senate a few months ago to represent Alabama and gave Tom Heflin, the Kluxer, the thrashing of his life.

It would be well if the President would now supplement his speech by taking more active steps to mobilize the New Deal forces in Congress for passage of the wages-hours bill and other legislation at this session.

Meanwhile, the question of the coming primaries and the Fall elections looms even more sharply than in '36 as a struggle between progress and reaction, between democracy and fascism. It is necessary that a democratic front—a coalition of all sections of the population sincerely devoted to the cause of democracy and that abhor fascism—be organized at once in every community of the country if progress and democracy are to triumph in the coming contests.

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Contributions to the Fight Against Lynching

• President Roosevelt's proposals to turn the federal spotlight on lynchings are a welcome contribution to the fight to blot out this shame of America.

In the event that the Senate failed to pass the Wagner-Van Nuys Anti-Lynching Bill, the President stated that he would make two alternative proposals to Congress. They would authorize the United States Attorney General or a Congressional committee to make sweeping investigations and publicity on lynchings.

While failing to strike out aggressively for the passage of the present anti-lynching bill now, the President's proposals are a frank recognition of the duty of the federal government to fight lynching as a fascist example of the denial of the constitutional rights of the Negro people.

Once more it is sharply clear that it is the Southern lynch Senators and the Northern Tory Republicans who sidetracked the Wagner-Van Nuys measure and who remain today its main enemies. These reactionaries are the enemies of all progressive New Deal legislation and the American people. That is why all New Deal and progressive forces in the Senate should see that the anti-lynching bill is passed at THIS session of Congress.

In making these proposals President Roosevelt reflected the demands of the National Anti-Lynch Conference held in Washington last Sunday, as well as the temper of the growing democratic front against the fascist-minded gentry of Wall Street and their "feudalistic" allies in the South.

The National Anti-Lynching Conference showed how the Wagner-Van Nuys bill can be passed in THIS session of Congress. The conference was held under the auspices of the National Negro Congress to support the splendid campaign in behalf of the bill led by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Represented at the meeting were: The CIO; Labor's Non-Partisan League; 80 A. F. of L. locals, and numerous Negro and progressive organizations. This is the sort of unity needed to make this bill a law—especially from white workers, liberals and progressives whose vital democratic rights are likewise at stake.

The three-point program of the Congress should receive nation-wide support. It calls for nation-wide protests to Governor Bibb Graves today (the 7th anniversary of the Scottsboro boys) demanding the freedom and safety of the five imprisoned Scottsboro boys; national anti-lynch Scottsboro day in the nation's churches on April 3; and nation-wide anti-lynch Scottsboro demonstrations on April 9.

All New Yorkers should turn out to the local April 9th demonstration in Union Square at 1 P.M.

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They Can Well Be Proud

• The winning of an agreement by the Hotel and Club Employes Union, Local 6, A. F. of L., with the Hotel Association of New York City, is a landmark in the drive to make New York a 100 per cent union town.

This is the first official agreement which the Hotel Association has ever concluded with a union. The importance of the event can be gauged from the fact that the Association consists of some 160 hotels, employing 60,000 workers—among them some of the most exploited workers in the city. The Association includes such hotels as the Mayflower, Gotham, Pierre, President, Ritz-Carlton, Pennsylvania, New Yorker, Roosevelt and the Vanderbilt.

The agreement at this time provides a machinery for the settling of disputes and grievances. While it does not as yet establish a uniform wage and hour scales, it opens the door—in the words of M. J. Obermeier, secretary of Local 6—for the union to improve wages, hours and other questions concerning working conditions.

It is interesting to note that the winning of the agreement was made easier through the close cooperation given Local 6 by three other A. F. of L. unions, Local 3 of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, and Locals 94 and 94-A of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

The members of Local 6 can well be proud of their union and of its leadership.

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Pope Pius XI on the Barcelona Massacres

• The Vatican, which speedily established diplomatic relations with Franco's rebellion from the beginning, has dispatched Monsignor Antoniutti to make **"a new and urgent demarche"** to the fascist general for the ceasing of mass murder from the air.

The very urgency of Pope Pius' latest utterance is indicative of the profound feeling which moves the hearts of Catholic men and women in all countries at the sight of fascism's inhuman savagery, which takes a toll of Catholic blood in Barcelona's streets as it took it so bestially in Guernica.

The unspeakable crimes of the Franco fascist rebellion, **organized and sustained by the legions of Hitler and Mussolini,** do not leave unmoved millions of Catholic men and women who are anxious to add their solemn voices to that of world justice and humanity.

At the very moment that Pope Pius was dispatching his message to Franco, here in America Cardinal Hayes of New York and Cardinal O'Connell of Boston, could find it possible to cast doubts or even denials on the possibility of Franco's butchery in Barcelona. Cardinal Hayes found it **"difficult to believe"** and Cardinal O'Connell **"doubted it very much"** reminding his hearers of "red propaganda."

And Cardinal O'Connell did not hesitate to indulge himself in the luxury of the cynical remark that, in any case, the massacre of Barcelona "was a military maneuver."

The anguish of Barcelona and the protest of the Pope are only the latest items to be added to the mountain of facts which answer the false propaganda on the true character of the fascist Franco's rebellion.

Pope Pius, in the face of Franco's butchery, calls Franco "a noble gentleman." This "noble gentleman" conspired treason against his country, sold it to foreign tyrants, engaged the cutthroats of hired mercenary bands to unleash horror and suffering against his own people. This "noble gentleman" offered himself, as a traitor, to Hitler and opened his country's borders to the ravages of the Nazi legions and bombers.

Against the barbarities of Spanish fascism and its sponsors, Hitler and Mussolini, all decent Americans, of whatever religious creed or political group, have the duty of uniting in protest and action.

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The Truth About Mexico, And N. Y. Times' Distortion

• "On the whole, the individual paraders appeared unexcited and even spiritless."—Frank L. Kluckhohn, New York Times Mexico City correspondent, reporting the greatest demonstration the capital of Mexico has ever seen.

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"Whereas Mexican crowds usually march passively, the paraders today were shouting and jubilant at the 'economic liberation of Mexico.' When they reached the National Palace, where the President was reviewing them, they sang the national anthem and shouted 'Viva General Cardenas!'

"The parade was distinguished by its orderliness and lack of conflict."—Jack Starr-Hunt, New York Herald Tribune Mexico City correspondent, reporting the same event.

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"Celebrating Mexico's 'declaration of economic independence,' 250,000 people marched past the National Palace today to cheer President Cardenas's decree nationalizing the key petroleum industry. It was the grandest demonstration in Mexican history."—Alfred Miller, Daily Worker correspondent in Mexico City.

World Front

By HARRY GANNES

• Premier Chamberlain's anxiously awaited new declaration of British foreign policy before the House of Commons was an unsuccessful attempt to cover continued encouragement to fascist aggrandizement with appeasement (this time) of popular opposition to the Tories' war-breeding line.

Chamberlain made a 28,000-word statement. We believe, however, that two sentences making up a confidential cable from London diplomatic sources to the Whaley-Eaton Service for American bankers and business men gave the real substance of Chamberlain's talk, even before he made it. The following was published in the United States before Chamberlain got up in the House of Commons on Thursday:

"British policy will continue to be perdicated on a realization that military, geographical and economic considerations necessitate an adjustment of 'minority' (Germans in other countries) problems largely in accordance with Germany's position in Central Europe. Chamberlain's forthcoming statement of policy will probably incorporate the foregoing with the usual saving clauses."

The "saving clauses" comprise most of the speech.

The meaning of the declaration will be much plainer in Rome and Berlin than it is to the British people where the pro-Nazi London Times, and the pro-fascist Rothemere press are doing all they can to play up the "saving clauses."

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A careful reading of that much of the speech which came over the wires yesterday shows that Chamberlain wants all obstacles removed in Hitler's drive to complete conquest of central and as much of Eastern Europe as Nazi bayonets can slice away.

Chamberlain wants this done while insisting that the British people turn their eyes away from the continent and speed up England's gigantic armament building program.

The Tory premier resorted to every trick in the sample bag of the British ruling class to overcome popular suspicion. The British foreign office even spread a rumor that a "secret document" had been obtained which "changed" matters. Trade union leaders were called in to be consulted on accelerating the $7,500,000,000 rearmament program in lieu of bothering about foreign policy. The stunt, of course, is obvious: to involve the workers, through some of their leaders, in the belief they are being taken into the government's confidence in order to speed up the production of the means of defense to save England from ultimate attack; while, actually, the Tory foreign policy is expediting fascism's extension of power in Europe.

The Tories want to convince the workers that the peace and security of England is dependent on a colossal arms manufacturing plan and nothing—no amount of Nazi and Italian fascist aggression—should swerve the workers from their tasks.

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Though faced with tremendous and rising popular opposition the Tory premier indicated that the basic war-inciting policy has not been budged. Withholding promise of support from Czechoslovakia in the event of a Nazi invasion is tantamount, under present conditions, to urging Hitler to strike at Czech independence immediately.

The question is not one of whether Britain should go to war to save Czechoslovakia. Withdrawal of active encouragement to the Nazis and a pledge to stand unitedly with the democratic capitalist powers and the Soviet Union against further fascist aggression would be sufficient to convince Hitler that he must keep hands off Czechoslovakia. Nobody knows that better than the Tories. That is why they raise the issue as one of war in order to play on the peace sentiments of the masses—a goal that can be gained only by a stand exactly opposite to that of the Nazi-inciting Tories.

Now with Chamberlain's "revised" speech in their pockets the fascists have their marching orders from London, to be used discreetly and with concern for the delicate political situation of their Tory allies.

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While Chamberlain's statement conveys a special message to Hitler with regard to Nazi aims in Czechoslovakia its most momentous meaning is that which it carries to Mussolini. Coming after Mussolini's threat of war against France and Italian fascism's open boasting of their military prowess and determination to conquer Spain, Chamberlain's side-swipes at France, at the Soviet Union and collective measures for peace will be understood by Mussolini as a signal to rush more troops against the Loyalists.

Taking a leaf from the earlier fascist book of propaganda, Chamberlain has embellished his speech with democratic demagogy. He talks nauseatingly about the League of Nations and its role in preserving peace when he himself, just before Austria was conquered, plunged a dagger into the League's vitals.

The fundamental position of the British Tories remains dangerously intact. Whatever "changes" there may be besides stylistic ones are concerned with tactics. Chamberlain is anxious to put over his agreement with Mussolini (and later with Hitler) before the Nazis march against Czechoslovakia. And the primary condition set by Mussolini for the signing and sealing of any such instrument as Chamberlain so dearly wishes is the destruction of Spanish democracy.

Hence, the first response to Chamberlain's speech will be a new, ferocious fascist drive in Spain.

Signs are multiplying that the British people are less fooled by this threadbare, treacherous diatribe than by any since the Tories first showed their hand.

FRANCO'S MILITARY OBJECTIVES *by Ellis*

Letters From Our Readers

Veto of McNaboe Bill Is Asked

Letter to Governor Demanding Veto

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I sent to the N. Y. Post:—

Editor, N. Y. Post:

"Our State Legislature has passed a bill barring Communists from public office. Communism, according to their definition, is "the doctrine which advocates destruction of the State by force and violence and the establishment thereby of a dictatorship of the proletariat."

There is no such doctrine advocated in the U. S. and our legislators are howling about a phantom. The American Communist Party does not sponsor violence. It relies on Constitutional weapons, the press, platform and the ballot, to bring about an equitable distribution of the teeming wealth of our country. Our legislators, evidently, have been stampeded into their ridiculous position by the Gerson furor.

I feel sure, however, that our level-headed Governor Lehman will not allow this Gilbertian decision to go on the statute books. P. J. G.

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Asks Governor To Veto Bill

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Below is a copy of a letter sent to Governor Lehman on March 20, 1938:—

Dear Sir:

First I call upon you, as every thinking and unselfish person and citizen must, to veto the McNaboe-Devaney Bill. That bill is the symbol of intolerance, of the witch-hunt, not particularly against the Communists but against every progressive man or organization.

The ease with which the Assembly and the Senate have destroyed the bill of rights of the American people is ominous.

I have a bill to propose myself. That every holder of public office, and particularly our governing offices, must be able under examination to quote and explain the Bill of Rights, the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Thomas Paine—unexpurgated of reference to change of government when government becomes oppressive—and President Roosevelt's election speeches and his Chicago speech this year. And if each man has an intelligent approach and understanding, then there need be no fear for a recurrence of the debate (alas that such dignity is given the disgraceful performance of both our houses) on the McNaboe-Devaney Bill.

Governor Lehman, I might also request that your speech in rejecting the proposal to oust Gerson be reprinted and given to our mistaken representatives and senators to study and benefit thereby.

Your prompt action in vetoing this reactionary and undemocratic, un-American McNaboe-Devaney Bill is your obligation as Governor of the State of New York.

L. C.

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German-American Club Protests

Astoria, L. I.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The following telegram was sent by us:—

"Governor Lehman:

"We protest the passage of McNaboe Bill. We strongly urge you to veto this undemocratic bill.

"GERMAN-AMERICAN CLUB,
"A. Schafft."

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Payless Holidays for Telephone Workers—

New York City.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Very shortly the entire manufacturing division of Western Union Electric at Kearny, N. J., will take the first of its payless holidays. There will be one every other week. And yet every week there will be an ad in the slick magazines boasting of the quality of Western Electric telephone supplies of the service it renders to telephone users. Western Electric is owned and controlled by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. It is one of the "family." Its workers are a part of the army of over three hundred thousand men and women who are the telephone industry, who work for the world's largest corporation, America's closest monopoly.

The proportion of white collar workers in this field is high—and the field is totally unorganized. Job security in times of depression is the exception in this field. More than most corporations the emphasis of the management is on dividends and on the amount of stock owned by its employes. What chance does an employe have to vote his stock? How long would he hold his job if he went to a stockholders' meeting and protested against the Morgan board of directors who, with their 4 per cent of the stock control of the entire industry? The employe's stock is voted for him—by the management.

And who pays for all this? Everyone who uses a telephone, who buys products advertised on the radio, sees movies made with Western Electric equipment. The unorganized telephone worker must be trained and helped—and the employers must be controlled. Put your protest on your telephone bill.

ANOTHER TELEPHONE WORKER.

Spain Vets Pledge Ambulances in Two Weeks; Brigades Voice Thanks for Gifts; Hail Unity

The Veterans and Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade yesterday promised the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy to provide two ambulances within two weeks.

The pledge was undertaken in addition to the shipment which will sail from New York on the Normandie, March 30. The shipment will include 50,000 bars of chocolate, 20,000 cans of milk, 8,000 pounds of meat, 5,000 pounds of coffee and 5,000 pounds of sugar.

A cablegram to David Doran, political commissar of the Fifteenth International Brigade yesterday informed the Americans in Spain of the emergency shipment which will be rushed to them in the Aragon from LeHavre.

"The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade must have $5,000 within the next ten days if the ambulances are to be paid for and if the shipment is to sail on schedule," White declared yesterday.

"We ask that all help be rushed at once to the Friends of the Lincoln Brigade, 125 W. 45th St."

Letters Thank Friends For Gifts; Voice Confidence

"Our unity is perfect and our faith is unbreakable. We feel our operations have demonstrated to the world that our People's Army is disciplined."

So reads one paragraph from a letter written by a Spanish section in the Lincoln-Washington Battalion and received yesterday by the Friends of the Lincoln Brigade.

Both letters follow:

Comrades, Salud!

These lines are sent to you by the 3rd Spanish Section of the 4th Company of the Lincoln-Washington Battalion. We are very thankful for your Christmas Gifts. We received them with all our love for you and your moral worth.

We recognize that in the hardest moments of our struggle you who are so far away know and follow step by step our victory which we know will be won soon.

Our unity is perfect and our faith is unbreakable. We feel our operations have demonstrated to the world that our People's Army is disciplined. Our people are with us and are now turning out war machinery. We realize it is better to die fighting for liberty rather than be a slave for life.

As brothers we offer you this advice: Be strong and meet your political problems, for despite your humanity and good hearts, you may be fooled as we were.

Salud,

3RD SPANISH SECTION.

EXPRESS THANKS FOR GIFTS

Friends of the Lincoln Brigade
Dear Friends:

The Machine-Gun Company of the Lincoln-Washington Battalion wishes to express their thanks to you for the efforts of gathering and sending to us the Christmas packages, and to the thousands of friends who have contributed to make this possible.

We are receiving them while in the front line, and most welcome they are.

The Spanish comrades in our company who have shared with us the good contents enclose their own message. The battalion typewriter has also had a tough time of late, but we hope you can decipher it and have it translated.

I think we can modestly state that the Lincoln-Washington battalion has maintained the glorious traditions of the XV Brigade in this important sector.

With great anti-fascist greetings,

SAM GOLDMAN,
Secretary.

Change the World

A Guerrilla at His Typewriter for The Liberty League

by MIKE GOLD

HEAVEN knows it gets very tiresome reading or answering Westbrook Pegler these days. For years the guy was amusing because he was unpredictable. A newspaper he-man who'd never studied anything but the sporting dope sheets, with a slam-bang American style reminiscent of Mencken and Brann (the Iconoclast) at their hairiest, shirt-tearing moments, Pegler was more fun than a runaway bull in a Park Avenue apartment house. Nobody, least of all himself, knew what he was going to attack next. He had no principles—only a fat raw lot of man-in-the-bleachers prejudices.

He put on a good show. It placed him in the higher brackets, however, and he was bitten by an income tax. Since then Pegler has become just another Liberty League soap-boxer.

He has lost that wild, free air of a guerrilla. He is committed to a cause, and it is the cause of Big Business. He is as unfunny as Glenn Frank, Matthew Woll or Gerald Smith. Even his writing skill has been impaired, I should say. There is a great gulf between the form and the content, the form being Mark Twain and Sockless Jerry Simpson, the content being Liberty League.

It is almost impossible to get pathos and indignation into a defense of the filthy rich. Nobody believes you, and you know it, and so you become as self-conscious as Pegler in his last stages.

Latterly, Pegler has learned a great stylist trick from the fascists. It is the pose of persecution Hitler has employed for years. The Bolsheviks are driving us to the wall! They don't let an honest man breathe! They want to ruin our homes, our sports, our movies, our simple American ways! They are full of envy, malice and libel. They would like to be millionaires or in the big income brackets, but can't make the grade, so they turn about and inflame the mob against the poor, cringing successes. Millionaires, arise! Erase these tyrants who envy us our yachts, our night clubs and our other simple American pleasures!

And so on—a familiar, cheap tune they are all playing these days. John Jones has tramped the streets for years. His kids are anemic; his wife on the edge of a nervous breakdown. Out of his torture, he evolves the slogan "the right to work." It means something real when he says it. But the plutes grab the slogan and twist it into a defense of the right to scab. The same process is going on all along the line: working class slogans that contain life-and-death reality are used by the plutes to defend capitalism. Hitler did it when he called his party the National Socialist Workers' Party and announced himself as a revolutionist. Pegler does it, on a lesser scale, when he calls labor unions a form of dictatorship and monopoly.

I was moved to write once more about this Liberty League bore by a recent column in which, with mock-naivete, he asks: "Why not bait Reds?" It is a superstition, he says, that baiting Reds isn't liberal. "Hoover, Al Smith, Hearst, the duPonts, Tom Girdler and hundreds of other prominent men . . . may be criticized denounced and derided, and often are. Such being so, it is not only fair to bait Reds but dishonest to treat them with special restraint."

What weasel words! Pegler must know that the whole press and radio in this country is owned by millionaires, that any debate is hopelessly one-sided. They bait Reds, but who can defend and explain Reds in this huge forum?

Furthermore, Red-baiting is not a mere difference of political opinion. It is the same thing as Jew-baiting, a deliberate tactic by Big Business to crush the working class by disguised means. Hitler and Mussolini used Red-baiting as their first trench in the war against trade unions, liberalism, free religion, and all democratic institutions. This is the historic fact.

Column Left

The Embattled Farmers of the Bank of America

by HARRISON GEORGE

LIFT your ears, ye who would be wise, and listen to this:

"An organization formed in June 1934 for the following principal objects and purposes: To protect, preserve and maintain the constitutional form of government in both nation and state; to promote and protect the economic and agricultural welfare of the citizens of the United States, and, particularly, the citizens of California; to oppose and combat any and all doctrines and practices which imperil the maintenance of these constitutional liberties; to protect the American schools and constitutional privileges which the educational system of America has brought to all children; to fight against the infiltration of subversive doctrines in the educational system and into the government; to combat the dictatorships of individuals and groups, and to promote the prompt, orderly and efficient administration of justice."

What is that? The declaration of principles of some lawyers' league? Or a pedagogic association? Nope, both times! It is, believe it or not, the declaration of principles of an organization called "The Associated Farmers." You'd never guess it, would you.

In short, brothers, the "Associated Farmers" is a political organization that is, in essence, a political party disguised as something else. That might be endurable, but—in spite of its kind words about our rather good Constitution, the "Associated Farmers" is a fascist political party. And its California headquarters is in the Russ Building, 235 Montgomery St. (the Wall Street of San Francisco).

Then why did the local Chamber of Commerce's funny "Committee of 43" go all the way to Sacramento week before last to meet, in secret session, with these "Associated Farmers,' 'when all it needed to do was to walk around the corner? Or, indeed, to look in the mirror?

The answer is, brothers, that the Sacramento meeting was a rehearsal for the Big Show pulled off in San Francisco last Thursday. Besides, it gave "atmosphere" of "bringing the farmers" down to the city, by invitation.

And what a show there was, my countrymen! There, says the Chronicle, "men of the farm lands" (on Montgomery Street!) "aired their grievances against the metropolis" (the same street). Indeed, these Montgomery Street "farmers" threaten to boycott their home town! And it's all about the unions!

"We farmers," spake Colonel W. E. Garrison, slightly forgetting his organizing of vigilantes to break up the unions and strikes of farm workers at Lodi and Stockton, "we farmers are not opposed to labor unions." Without batting an eye he went on: "We believe that a man has a right to join a union if he wants to. We do not believe he should be forced to join a union if he does not want to."

But do the Associated "Farmers" believe that farmers, too, should not be forced to join a farmers' organization? **All over the state, bankers are forcing small farmers to join the Associated Farmers or be denied credit, which they must have!**

And how is it that the Associated "Farmers" are "not opposed to labor unions"—when speaking in San Francisco; yet on Feb. 18, at Orange, California, President Holmes Bishop of the Associated "Farmers" (of whom the Los Angeles Times of Feb. 19, said: "Whose firm stand against labor agitators led to his election to the presidency") urged war against labor unionism? Holmes Bishop said:

"We cannot wait until racketeers begin organizing the packing houses and the pickers in the fields. We must oppose them now, before it is too late. If the fight wipes out our entire crop, it would be cheap compared to what the cost will be if the organizer gets a foothold in California agriculture. We will carry the fight for freedom [?] to our opponents' very doorsteps."

Well, they're on your doorsteps, San Francisco union men and women! Right down at 235 Montgomery are these "men of the farm lands."

W.P.A. in American Art

Federal Project Has Made Artists Responsible To the Public

The following survey is the fifth in a series of features to be published showing the influence of the WPA Arts on American Culture.

By Jacob Kainen

When the Federal Art Projects were first inaugurated, Holger Cahill, national director of the art projects, and Mrs. Audrey McMahon, assistant to the national director and New York regional supervisor, realized the twofold problem involved in bringing art to the people—the teaching and production of art and the development of the great mass audience. Art was no longer to be the handmaiden of the rich and powerful, as in the past, but was to be an essential element in the construction of a broad culture of the people, linked with their everyday needs and made part of them.

The artist was not to be the lackey or the starveling of the past but, at long last, the respected and normal citizen of a great democracy, a teacher of its people and a planner of its institutions. The bitter, anti-social, disreputable denizen of Bohemia and the aggressively ignorant Philistine were to be transformed into creative and tolerant members of a progressive social set-up.

The artists and the general public have responded in a manner which promises much for the creation of a genuine American art, based less on the peculiarities of our geography than on the democratic spirit of our workers, farmers and professional people. Artists are beginning to feel that they are responsible to the public, which actually sees their work, and the public is becoming interested in the artists who decorate their social institutions, teach their children and dramatize their social welfare campaigns through posters and photographs. In many large and small towns throughout the country art centers have been set up where local art and artists are encouraged. In a number of instances people have looked upon original art works for the first time in their lives.

By the end of 1937, after two years of allocations, the project reported a number of achievements. 112 murals were allocated, consisting of many separate panels. These decorations went to schools, libraries, housing projects, airports, hospitals, armories, prisons and other institutions.

Finest Printmakers On Project

Graphic art allocations numbered 8,683. Black and white lithographs, color lithographs, etchings, linoleum cuts, drawings and wood engravings, many of them executed by the finest printmakers in the country, were selected for public institutions.

The easel division distributed 2,818 oil paintings and water colors to a large variety of institutions. In this instance an allocation of more than 500 paintings and a large selection of graphic prints to the New York State Tuberculosis Hospitals is worthy of special note. Experiments have proved that the art works have definite therapeutic value in keeping the patients interested, cheerful and in a hopeful frame of mind.

The sculptors have allocated figure groups, busts, panels, plaques, figures and other phases of their work in 183 instances. The material in many cases has been done for specific architectural settings, such as the plaque depicting the history of Flushing, for the Flushing High School auditorium; eight animal figures in cast stone for the children's playground at First Houses, a Federal low-cost housing development, and 15 circular plaques for the garden wall.

The photography division has reported 3,691 assignments. A phase of this work is the project "Changing New York", consisting of 325 photographs for a permanent record in the Museum of the City of New York. Many other photographs are of a documentary nature.

The Model Makers and Scenic Designers Unit completed 70 commissions, including relief maps, models in scale, diagrams and scene painting all of which greatly facilitate local and state work in social planning. Seventy-five showings a week and an average weekly attendance of 10,000 were reported by the Visual Education Unit, which shows educational, cultural and amusement films and slides to underprivileged children and adults in settlement houses, schools and libraries.

Teaching Division Excellent

Posters were allocated in large quantities to many institutions and practically every city and state department. In the case of the Department of Correction's campaign against social diseases, the posters proved so successful that additional series are being prepared to popularize other campaigns in connection with health and the general civic welfare.

The Index of American Design is creating a thorough record of authentic American design, an important revelation of the national heritage. More than 2,934 drawings and water-colors are in the division's portfolios. The Exhibition Division has put on more than 900 exhibitions of WPA Federal Art Project work in New York and throughout the country. These have included important showings in the Museum of Modern Art, which, incidentally, selected some of the children's work for its permanent collection.

The Art Teaching Division, greatly fortified by the fact that qualified artists were doing the teaching, has given instruction to a weekly average of 30,000 children and 7,000 adults in schools, settlement houses and libraries. Educators, psycologists, physicians, social service workers and crime prevention bureaus have praised the work of this department. On the cultural side it lays the basis for a more artistically enlightened generation and broadens the appreciation of contemporary art.

A committee of prominent artists at the presentation of the huge murals at Ellis Island; groups of art students studying and admiring a section of the mural, "Brooklyn, Past and Present," at the Brooklyn Borough Hall.

'Bluebeard's Eighth Wife' Stars Cooper, Colbert and Slapstick

"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," a Paramount picture directed by Ernst Lubitsch. Screen play by Charles Brackett and Billy Wilder, based on a play by Alfred Savoir. Starring Claudette Colbert and Gary Cooper with Edward Everett Horton, David Niven, Warren Hymer, and Herman Bing. At the Paramount.

By Mike Darrell

"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," now playing at the Paramount, is a French bedroom farce upon which a few of the current gags have been hung. Some of the subtlety, peculiar to the French farce, has been replaced by some home-made slapstick.

The tale of the American multi-millionaire (Gary Cooper), who married an impoverished French aristocrat (Claudette Colbert) after a prelude of seven wives, might have been funny in the original. Although there are some belly laughs in the present version, something is lacking—or, rather, maybe a bit too much has been added.

It's that old devil Rough Stuff who sneaks in and takes a few whacks. Apart from slapping, biting, kicking and gouging, there were some enjoyable moments. David Niven, as the willy-nilly hanger-on, does a fine bit. To see the usually impeccable Mr. Niven wandering around in a state of deshabille, looking for his pants, is worth half the price of admission. Another bit player, Warren Hymer, as an American prize fighter, is good. It is my opinion that the producers should give Hymer a better break.

Gary Cooper, somehow, seems out of place in bedroom stuff. He is definitely not cut out for the much-married Michael Brandon. However, Miss Colbert, as the girl who marries him and then systematically drives him to a divorce (all because she loves him), is more than adequate. Her brand of acting is just right for the change of pace required.

Ernst Lutitisch is an old hand at this type of film. In the minor points his direction is good; Niven's discovery in Brandon's wife's room, the trading of a Louis XIV bathtub, and Miss Colbert's encounter with Kid Mulligan, are all good comedy. But the main theme, Brandon's strident cry for his wife to play house with him, grows a bit wearying.

Over at the Dover

The Dover Theatre, in the East Bronx, is playing "Winterset," and "The Light Brigade" this Friday and Saturday. Charlie Chaplin in "Easy Street" and Molly Picon in "Little Girl with Big Ideas" will be seen Sunday through Tuesday.

New Name for Playhouse

The new management of the Cinema de Paris has decided to change its Gallic name back to what it was originally called when it started its career in 1926, the Fifth Avenue Playhouse.

Books of the Day

CRITICS GROUP SERIES No. 7: PHILOSOPHY OF ART OF KARL MARX by Mikhail Lifshitz, translated from the Russian by Ralph Winn. Edited by Angel Flores.

Reviewed by J. Hartman

The Critics Group once more comes to the forefront, this time with its newly published "Philosphy of Art of Karl Marx," a translation from the Russian of the work of Mikhail Lifshitz, an outstanding Soviet critic.

The author's inspired scholarship, the result of a thorough mastery and dialectical treatment of his subject material, make this essay one of the most valuable contributions to Marxian esthtics. A great service is rendered the American reader by placing the many fragmentary remarks of Marx on art in their historical setting. For the first time in the English language we have the development of Marx's views on art expounded—from his university days to the time he arrived at his mature and clearcut formulation of the relationship of art to society.

Marx's early works, we are told, while attesting to the influence of Hegel, yet contain in numerous instances elements which negate the Hegelian position and its exclusive stress on the spiritual. The suppression of the "Rheinische Zeitung" led Marx to analyze and study carefully the contemporary social forces. Lifschitz succinctly gives us his conclusions:

"The experience of 1842 convinced him (Marx) that the only solution of the contradictions between economic necessity and formal political freedom lay in the elimination of this contradiction that is, in the abolition of the premise of private property. The only social force capable of solving this problem is the proletariat, the class representing the 'decomposition of the previous world order.' Marx's prophetic recognition of the historical role of the proletariat appears for the first time at the end of 1843 and the beginning of 1844 following a thorough study of French and English political literature. . . . This turn of thought was also reflected in Marx's aesthetic beliefs."

In a penetrating analysis of Eugene Sue's "Mysteries of Paris," Marx expresses his views on proletarian literature, giving a vital meaning to what was to his contemporaries very often mere abstraction.

Proceeding from the famous quotation in the "Critique of Political Economy," Lifshitz most adequately develops the relationship of art to the productive forces in society.

Not the least valuable portion of the book consists in the many meaty excerpts from Marx and Engels on Art, hitherto unpublished in the English language. These excerpts illuminate many basic problems of Marxist criticism.

Shirley at Sunnybrook

The classic of silent films, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," comes to the Roxy today with petite Shirley Temple in the stellar role.

Left on Broadway

By Manngreen

BROADWAY SCENE—Earl Browder was speaking at the Dutch Treat Club in New York. In the audience were many of New York's leading figures in the world of arts and letters, including smooth Roy Howard, publisher of the New York World Telegram and the Scripps-Howard papers. Browder was explaining who really spreads sedition. Two new Party members had been charged by the Party officials with urging the immediate overthrow by force of the United States government in the name of the Communist Party! It was a serious charge.

Browder recounted how he had reproached the accused comrades. "You are aware," said he, "that your ideas are distinctly opposed to those of the Party in regard to the terroristic use of force."

"Why, no," the accused had replied, slightly bewildered. "That's what we understand Communism means."

"But that's impossible!" cried Browder. "Communism means something entirely different. Where in the world did you get your ideas?"

"FROM THE NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM!" was the weak, embarrassed reply.

Much to the annoyance of Mr. Roy Howard—the audience at this point reared with laughter.

Browder smiled, too, and continued—" . . . so I explained to the comrades that their ideas were incompatible with membership in our Party and I warned them hence-to be very careful of what they read in the so-called 'respectable' press!"

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NOTES IN A RED BOOK—Dr. Walter Damrosch, who recently lit into the Federal Arts Bill, at the same time taking a few pot shots at the American Federation of Musicians, appears to be an embittered old man. Jealous of the great Toscanini, he belongs to that same vicious little clique as Mrs. Astor, who recently returned $4,000 worth of tickets for the Toscanini concert for the benefit of the unemployed of Local 802 of the AFM. Dr. Damrosch insists that the union is not interested in "art" but only in money and working conditions. He is extremely unpopular with professional musicians and may shortly lose his union card for slandering the AFM. . . .

New Film at Filmarte

"The Lie of Nina Petrovna," succeeding "Generals Without Buttons," will have its American premiere at the Filmarte Theatre Tuesday, (March 29th) evening at 8:30 P. M.

Health Advice

By Medical Advisory Board

Dextrose in Candy; Not A Substitute for a Meal

Do not be unduly impressed by the advertising blurb of "Baby Ruth." This candy is not more digestible than other candies.

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The Curtiss Candy Co. has capitalized on the fact that all sugars are converted into dextrose in the body and advertise that their candies are better than others for this reason. They omit, of course, considerations of cost. The Loft Company, on the other hand, advertises that it uses no glucose in its candies, but only cane sugar.

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WABC—Just Entertainment, Jack Fulton, Andrews Sisters, Roemgarten Orchestra
WQXR—Quality Music
WOR—Stan Lomax, Sports Review
7:15—WMCA—"Five-Star Final"
7:30—WMCA—Molly Picon, Jewish Comedienne
8:00—WEAF—Cities' Service Concert, Robert Simmons, Lucille Manners, Soloists
WJZ—Grand Central Station, Dramatic Sketch
WEVD—Building Service Employees Union, Program
WQXR—Concert Hour
WHN—Original Amateur Hour
8:15—WMCA—Voices of Peace
8:30—WJZ—Death Valley Days, Dramatic Sketch
WABC—Paul Whiteman's Orchestra, Tamara, Guest, Deems Taylor, Commentator
WEVD—Insurance Clinic
WQXR—Treasury of Music
8:45—WMCA—"The Truth Behind the News, as I See It," Johannes Steel
WOR—"Let's Play Games"
WEVD—Marie McDonald speaks on Interesting Things About Interesting Women
9:00—WJZ—Tim and Irene, Comedians
WABC—Hollywood Hotel, Bette Davis in "JEZEBEL"
WMCA—"You Don't Say," Pronunciation and Definition Contest
9:30—WOR—Ernie Fiorito's Orchestra
10:00—WEAF—First Nighter Program, Dramatic Sketch
WOR—Twenty Years Ago Today, News Dramatization
WEVD—Current History Exams
WABC—Song Shop, Arthur Schwartz, Composer, Guest
WQXR—Classical Music
10:30—WOR—Bamberger Little Symphony
WEVD—"Office Workers on the Air," Mabel Corey, Guest Speaker
11:00—WOR—Trans-Radio News
12:00—WEVD—Symphonic Hour

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HOW MUCH OF THE 'CHAIN GANG' HAS BEEN BROKEN UP?

By Lester Rodney

Baseball fans seem a bit puzzled about the voluminous decision of Judge Landis which has been headlined as the breaking up of the St. Louis "chain gang."

A couple of readers want clarification, recalling Landis as an old reactionary, labor-hating judge who just doesn't jibe with the memory as the courageous smasher of "chain gangs" and the white plumed liberator of "wage slaves."

Well, to begin with, you can throw all illusions about Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis as an honest fighter for progress in American sports out of the third story window.

His decision in this case, a simple case of obvious rotten chicanery by St. Louis' Branch Rickey, was forced by the swelling voice of protest from exploited ball players, pointed comments by the sports scribes of the nation, and exposes of the functioning of the Cardinal "Chain Gang" in individual cases.

Landis must have had all these facts at his disposal for at least four years. Even now, when he does take the first step against breaking up the unholy system, he confines his decision to the case of one little minor league club, Cedar Rapids, ignores the much more open scandals, which he hints vaguely at in passing by, and cloaks the simple Cedar Rapids decision in reams and reams of words, covering about 17 pages, intending apparently to discourage any seeker for the facts.

No wonder Branch Rickey, director of the Card Chain Gang, seems little perturbed, saying nothing about the decision "seeming a little unfair at this time" and promising a future statement. Discount the mullarkey about a "Landis-Rickey" war. That's pap for the puzzled, and most likely emanates from the Landis vicinity. The "Czar of Baseball," who incidentally is unreachable by the press for interviews and who cloaks his highly paid activities in complete darkness, likes to be cast in the role of a mighty saviour of the integrity of our National Pastime.

Most of his fame, such as it is, comes from his outlawings of the Chicago "Black Sox" of 1920. The Sox of that year, one of the greatest collections of ball players ever put together and an overwhelming favorite to whip the Cincinnatti Reds in the Worlds Series, sold out and were caught.

Holding no brief for the Sox, it is pertinent to point out that they were fiercely underpaid by the most miserly tightwad in the circuit, owner Comiskey, and had been repeatedly turned down in their requests for salaries more fitting a pennant winning club. Landis, the brave knight, hopped in, made no attempt to get at the rotten wage-slave conditions that brought on the sellout, and was acclaimed as a saviour for his brutal barring for life of the members of the Sox from their profession.

As for the half-way decision rendered Wednesday, it is good as far as it goes. It destroys one arm of the octupus. The Cardinal "chain gang" system is a system of control over countless minor league teams, whose player transactions are all directed by Branch Rickey, great American "sportsmen" who demanded "honesty" from colleges on football last fall, and blasted the athletic scholarships given to poor boys with gridiron ability.

The very active Cardinal scouts round up kids from high schools, sandlots, colleges, industrial leagues, tempt them with a little immediate cash (never exceeding $50) and sign them to contracts which put them at the full disposal of the St. Louis gang. You know of course, what baseball contracts are. When one expires a ball player can't negotiate with any other team for his services. If he doesn't sign at the magnate's terms he can be barred from the game, put on a baseball "black list." This amazing, and hardly American procedure is defended as being necessary because baseball is a "different" kind of business. In the "chain gang" it helps keep the kids under the thumb, where they can be shuffled around indefinitely from one minor league club to another, always under Rickey's control. It's interesting again to note that outside of possibly Comiskey, the St. Louis bunch has the reputation of being the lowest salaried group in the business.

And woe to the rookie who signs with the Cards "chain gang," (forfeiting his chance to a scholarship and college education more than often) and tears a ligament in his arm. He's done with baseball, being cast off like an old shoe used to be cast off before the depression. The contract, which binds the player for life, doesn't quite work the other way. The magnate can fire a player any time he wants.

Publicized pitching stars like Schoolboy Howe and Paul Dean are "washed up" at the age of 28. How many youngsters are lured into the wage slave contracts of the St. Louis chain gang, pitch their arm off for a season at ham and bean salaries, and drop out with limp arms like Howe's and Dean's, without benefit of publicity, and with their chances for athletic scholarships and decent educations gone?

We'd like Landis to go a few steps further in his investigation, write less pages full of meaningless reports and name more names. To really do, in other words, what he's trying to sell the fans as something he's already done, break up the "chain gangs" of baseball.

DAILY WORKER SPORTS

NEW YORK, FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1938

Homer in 10th Wins For Dodgers Over Detroit

LAKELAND, Fla., March 24.—Cookie Lavagetto's home run in the 10th inning here today gave the Brooklyn Dodgers a 6-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers before 1500 fans.

The Drdgeos apparently had the game in the bag, leading 5-0 going into the eighth. Waite Hoyt, veteran ace, had turned in a five inning shutout trick. But the Tigers whacked Jeffcoat and Signer to tie it up, and then, with one out in the tenth, Lavagettoo teed off and Signer held those Tigers in the tenth.

Johnny Hudson, rookie shortstop, led the early Dodger attack off Croucher.

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Charity Amateur Bouts Supported by Stars

A Charity Amateur Boxing Show, under the auspices of the 172nd St. Boys, will be held Friday evening, March 25, at the Teasdale Gym, 4041 3rd Ave., near 174th St.

Murray Rellace, former welterweight boxer, is in charge of the affair. This show is being run to aid the needy people in the community.

Franklin Stars Ailing

Franklin High School's chances for copping the city basketball championship have been slightly lessened by the report that two of its stars are on the invalid list. Franklin meets Newtown Saturday.

Julie Reiss is hampered by an infected thumb while Johnny Weltick is suffering from a swollen foot. Coach Bill Speigal was for the first time this season slightly pessemistic over the chances of his charges. He said, "If Reiss and Weltick don't recover before Saturday's game I hate to think what will happen."

Baseball's Social Set (In Polo Shirts) Greets Lou's Picture

Martins Musical Mudcats Almost Bust Things Up —"Best 1st Baseman in Pictures," Says Gomez

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 24 (UP).—Not since the women's national horseshoe pitching championship ended in riotous hair-pulling several years ago, has St. Petersburg's artistic, social, and sporting circles been so stirred as they were last night when Lou Gehrig's first motion picture, "Rawhide," was given its world premiere.

Today the artistic group buzzed with appreciation of the manner in which Pepper Martin, outfielding maestro of the St. Louis Cardinals, conducted his "mud cat" band in the incidental music that accompanied the picture. For the overture, Pepper chose that difficult Arkansas classic, "Willie, my toes are sore," and to many he handled the trying score with an ease that his fellow conductor, Arturo Toscanni, would have had difficulty matching.

FANCY STUFF

The social set could not say enough for the brilliance of the pageant that preceded the premiere. Not in many a day has St. Petersburg, or any other city, for that matter, seen as many celebrated persons, radiant in windbreakers and polo shirts, roll through the streets in sleek and hired limousines.

And the sports lovers—well, they could talk of nothing else but Gehrig's superb performance in the smash scene of "Rawhide"—a scene epic in its sweep and breathless in its action. In this scene, Gehrig attacked in a pool room by a band of crooked cowboys, subdues them with billiard balls. One by one they fall, their skulls cracked by Gehrig's perfect pegs.

"Rawhide" has much more action than "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," in fact, I wouldn't be surprised if it hasn't more action than any picture ever filmed. For lovers of the sound of pistols going off, fists hitting chins, and horses running, there never has been anything to equal it. For some reason or another Gehrig is shown very little on horseback. But on those occasions when he is, he rides with the sureness of a true Bronx Bronco Buster.

HIGH PRAISE

Gehrig's teammates, who had seats of honor at the premiere, were very generous with their praise. Only occasionally did they yell rude remarks during the showing of the picture and Lefty Gomez, one of America's keenest students of the drama, said he thought Gehrig was far and away the best first baseman now in the movies. Joe McCarthy, when asked for his opinion, said he saw no reason why Gehrig should not hit .350 or better this year.

Soft Touch For Champ Next Week?

HARRY THOMAS is training hard for his fight next week in Chicago against champion Joe Louis

But It's the Schmeling Bout They're Talking Of

CHICAGO, March 24.—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis walked into the office of the Illinois athletic commission today and the place began to buzz with talk of Max Schmeling.

Harry Thomas was little more than a spectator until he reminded the crowd he and Louis will fight for the title at the Stadium April 1. They went through a brief review of the Illinois boxing code, tried on their new gloves, settled the bandage question without batting an eye, and again the talk shifted to Schmeling.

Every move Louis has made in training for the Thomas fight was with one eye on the Nazi challenger who knocked him out in 1936.

The only men who think Thomas has a chance on April Fool's Day are Harry, himself and his shrewd manager, Nate Lewis.

Louis and his handlers—John Roxborough and Julian Black—consider Thomas nothing more than guinea-pig No. 2 in the champion's conditioning for the second Schmeling fight and so far there have been no wagers to show that anyone thinks anything else.

Odds on Thomas were quoted at 15 and even 20 to 1 without success.

The official rules meeting at the commission today was serious business for Thomas. Although he has fought frequently in Chicago, he questioned Chairman Joe Triner closely about the code governing the bout.

Triner's interpretation of the rules differs from most on two counts:

1. **A no-foul rule is enforced in Illinois. The bout cannot end because of a foul low blow.**

2. **The referee shall not stop the fight because of cuts about the head of one of the contestants.**

New Pitchers May End Pirate's Flag Drought

Challenges by Apostoli and Lou Ambers

The New York State Athletic Commission yesterday deferred action on title challenges

Larry White, manager of Middleweight Fred Apostoli of San Francisco submitted a $2,500 check as forfeit for a title fight with Freddie Steels of Tacoma, whom Apostoli knocked out this winter in a non-title fight. The commissioners reserved action on the challenge until after Apostoli's fight here April 1 with Glenn Lee of Nebraska.

White is hoping to force Steele into a title fight because on March 11 Steels's six-month period of grace allowed a champion without making a title defense expired.

The third challenge was filed by Charley Goldman, manager of Lightweight Champion Lou Ambers. Ambers challenged Welterweight Champion Barney Ross of Chicago. The commissioners pointed out that Ross and Featherweight Champion Henry Armstrong of Los Angeles are scheduled to sign contracts next week for a welterweight championship match here on May 26. Goldman was told to appear then and he possibly could file a challenge for Ambers to meet the winner.

Helen Wills Back For Cup Play

Mrs. Helen Wills Moody, tennis queen who helped the United States defeat England in the Wightman cup inaugural in 1923, will return to the international tennis circuit as a member of the Wightman squad that meets Britain at Wimbledon June 10-11.

Announcement by the U. S. Lawn Tennis Association that Mrs. Moody would be one of the six members of the team came as a surprise, because the one-time ruler of the world's courts has been out of big-time competition since her dramatic comeback to win the coveted Wimbledon crown for the seventh time in 1935.

With Mrs. Moody, the association also picked Alice Marble, Beverly, Cal., No. 1 U. S. player; Helen Hull Jacobs, Berverly, Cal., ranked second; Dorothy May Bundy, Santa Monica, Cal., No. 3 player; Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Fabyan, Cambridge, Mass., No. 6; and Gracyn Wheeler, Santa Monica, Cal.

23rd Street "Y" Favored Over Jersey

A dual track meet will be held tonight at the Twenty-Third Street YMCA, 215 West 23rd Street, when Twenty-Third Street's squad competes with a visiting team from the Jersey City YMCA.

Twenty-Third Street YMCA's more experienced team is the favorite. In its last three starts, the local squad has won from Xavier School twice and placed third in the National YMCA Relay Championships at the recent Knights of Columbus Meet, held in Madison Square Garden.

Bauers Leads Twirlers Traynor Is Counting On to Cash In

LOS ANGELES, March 24 (UP).—It has been a long time between pennants for the Pittsburgh Pirates—too long to satisfy the fans—but manager Pie Traynor thinks they are due this year if the pitching proves as sound as it now appears.

Pitching was perhaps the big reason why the Smoky City Buccaneers haven't been in a world series since 1927, and why they finished third instead of first in the National League a year ago. Last season Traynor had plenty of men, but only a few of them could finish.

"This spring we have three good rookies on hand," the genial former infielder explained. "If just one of them develops into another Russ Bauers it may furnish that bit of extra punch we could have used last September.

TRAYNOR

"Bauers should be better this year, and I'm figuring on him and Jim Tobin as regulars. If the plans work out as I hope, we will have the strongest team in the four years that I have been manager."

Bauers was one of the prize packages of 1937. He won 13 games and lost only six, leading his mates in earned run averages. This season Traynor looks for a substantial increase in his victories, and expects him to be strong enough to last the route.

In 1937 only three pitchers, Cy Blanton, Ed Brandt and Red Lucas finished out as many as two-thirds of the contests they opened. The others worked in dozens of games, but mainly for just a few innings. Tobin came along with a rush at the end of the year.

The three good rookies are Marvin Duke, a southpaw, who won 21 and lost only eight for Montreal in 1937; Bob Klinger, who won 19 and lost 13 for Sacramento; and Truett Sewell, who won 16 and lost 12 for Buffalo. Duke and Klinger have shown great promise in exhibition games.

"Blanton also is a better pitcher than his record of 14 and 12 of last season," Traynor added. "If he can get back in his 1935 form—he was the best man in the league that year—he should win at least 20 games."

In addition to Blanton, there are Ed Brandt, another portsider; Bill Swift, Mace Brown, Joe Bowman and Red Lucas as starters. With a realigned infield—Pep Young is back at second — and Johnny Rizzo of Columbus in the outfield, the team's showing rests squarely on the shoulders of the pitchers.

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Captain STEVE NELSON
PHILIP DAVID
Also: Movie "PEOPLE OF FRANCE"
FRI. MAR. 25 - HUNTS POINT PALACE
8 P.M. - 163rd St. & So. Blvd., Bronx
Auspices: 5th A.D. • Admission 25c

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What's On

Tonight

LECTURE, RECITAL—Soviet Music. Elie Siegmeister, Lecturer; Andre Cibulski, Soloist—4 lectures $1.00. Single 35c. Friday, March 25th, 8:30 P.M. 47 E. 12th St. Ausp.: Manhattan Chorus.

PEACE RALLY and MOVIES—Speakers: Steve Nelson, Philip David. Movie: "People of France," at Hunts Point Palace, Southern Blvd. and 163rd St., Bronx. Fri., Mar. 25, at 8 P.M. Adm. 25c. Ausp.: 5th A.D.

NEW YORK STRING ORCHESTRA. Beethoven Piano Concerto. Dancing! Robert Raven, speaker. Friday, March 25, 8:30 P.M. Sub. 55c. Hotel Center, 108 W. 43rd St. Ausp. Friends of Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

HOTEL CENTER—HARLEM'S Carlisle's Continental Orchestra—Blasts from Nine—referees concert, socially conscious tragedy-satire; Ballet, Modern and Club Dancers entertain. Eleven Sharps!! John Scott presents Experimental Dance Theatre, Bill Matons—Guest Stars—Ailes Gilmour, Glory Fortune, Elarna Pinaka, Iris Marlow—"Escape," "Work Day Dreams," "Three Trustees," "Hallucination Harriet," "American Rhapsody," "Abyssinian Dance," "Cappricio," "Mama Does the Work," etc. Hotel Center (43rd between Broadway-Sixth Ave). Adm. 55c.

"HEART OF SPAIN." Speaker—Al Ripps, veteran. Hotel Newton, 95th St. and B'way, March 25th, 8:30 P.M. Ausp.: Friends of Lincoln Brigade.

NOVEL PARTY at Gropper Exhibition. Gropper will speak; and Evergood on "Murals in the Subway." Music, refreshments, dancing. A.C.A. Gallery, 52 W. 8th St. Friday, March 25th. Sub. 30c. Benefit East Side Tenants Assn.

SYMPOSIUM — TROTZKY - BUKHARIN TRIAL. Latest World Developments. B. Novick, Co-Editor Prenelt. John Arnold, Editor Jewish Life. Prospect Rec. Center, 1187 Southern Boulevard, Bronx. March 25th, 8:30 P.M.

17TH REGULAR MUSICALE featuring Brahms Piano Quintet and Haydn Clock Symphony. Rudolf Jankel, Commentator. Admission 15c. 66 E. 12th St. 8:30 P.M. Ausp. Downtown Music School.

LECTURE—"UNITY in the Labor Movement." CIO and AFL speakers. Questions, Discussion. Adm. Free. IWO Center, 33 Second Ave. 8:30 P.M.

"IN SPAIN LOST!" Capt. Carl Bradley, recently returned from the battle fronts, will discuss the situation. Also Antonio Perez, singer and guitarist in Spanish Songs. Adm. Free. 8 P.M. Paradise Manor, 11 W. Mt. Eden Ave., Bronx. Ausp. Br. 521, IWO.

Tomorrow

WAR CRISIS IN EUROPE." Lecture by Harry Martel. Adm. 25c. March 26th, 2:30 P.M. 2nd floor, 35 E. 12th St. Ausp.: Workers School.

CAMP F.O.N.—11th Annual Ball, Hotel Martinique, Broadway at 32d St., N.Y.C. Featuring Harlem Rhythm Swing Orchestra; Current Theatre, Earl Robinson, Saturday, March 26th.

SECOND ANNUAL SPRING FEVER DANCE. Savoy Ballroom, Lenox Ave. at 140th St. Sat., March 26th. Big Apple Exhibition. Sub. 75c. Tickets on sale at Workers Bookshop. Ausp.: People's Front Comm. of Lower Manhattan.

COME ONE COME ALL! To our Third Annual Victory Ball given by the Upholsterers Union Local 76, CIO at Central Pass, 111 Second Ave., near 7th St. Saturday, March 26th, 8:30 P.M.

COSTUME BALL, Main Ballroom of Hunts Point Palace, Cas Carrs' 13-piece Harlem Orchestra; 3 prizes will be given! 163rd St. and Southern Blvd. . . . March 26th, Eve. Ausp.: Prospect Boys, Branch 105.

DANCE THE "BIG APPLE"—If you missed our last dance—you are the loser—Music by Rhythm Swing Band. Sub. 25c. Lower West Side People's Center, 163 Bleecker St. Ausp. Garabaldi Branch, 2nd AD-CP. 8 P.M.

ENTERTAINMENT & DANCE Sport Exhibition—Fun Galore!! Ausp. Sports Group, German Workers Club, 1581 Third Ave. (85th St.), at 8 P.M.

FEDERAL WRITERS' Fiesta for Loyalist Spain. Saturday evening, March 26. IWO Aviation Club, 11 W. 18th St.

GALA OFFICIAL Opening of Harry Mesloff IWO Center—Branch 41 & 536. Dancing, entertainment, refreshments. . . . Subs. . . . 8:30 P.M. 1336 Wilkins Ave., Bronx. Ausp. Harry Meloff Center.

DANCE, ENTERTAINMENT. Caucasian Russian Program. Yasha Yakovlev, Dancer; Ely Spivack, Baritone; Kalinsky's Ensemble; Irving Faber and his Serenaders, and others. Subs. 65c, with this ad: 55c. Hotel Victoria, Grand East Ball Room. Ausp. Yasha Yakovlev Folk Dance Group. . . . 9 P.M.

SPANISH DANCERS, Singers, Jazz!!! Proceeds Lincoln Brigade. American Peoples School, 67 Stevenson Pl., Bronx. Jerome Ave. to Mosholu Pkwy, or Concourse-Pl. Independence St. bus to the door. Ausp. IWO Branch 746. Adm. 35c. . . . 8:30 P.M.

BRONX BOROUGH PROGRESSIVE Women's Council will hold annual preconference, Concert and Dance . . . Saturday, March 26, 8 P.M. Young Israel Mansion, 2078 Clinton Ave., Bronx. Adm. 39c. Ausp. Progressive Women's Council, Bronx. Boro.

JEWISH POLISH YOUTH Club—Dance & Entertainment. Saturday, March 26, 8:30 P.M. Hot Union Orchestra, Blues Singers, Gossip Night. 66 E. 4th St., Manhattan Plaza . . . Adm. 49c.

SPECIAL!! ATTENTION!! Important! Don't miss John Reed's Ad in tomorrow's Daily concerning our SPRING FESTIVAL DANCE!!! 1548 Westchester Ave., Bronx. 8:30 P.M.

DANCE—PROCEEDS for Legal Defense of 32 Architects and Engineers. "I" Square and Triangle Club, 4 W. 18th St., NYC . . . 8 P.M.

Coming

CELEBRATE EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF COMMUNIST PARTY Brownsville, East New York. Testimonial to Bob Martin & Carl Vedros Banquet and Dance to Rhodes and Rockin' Rhythmers and Proist Ensemble. Sunday, March 27th, 7:30 P.M. . . . Lincoln Hall, Powell and Blake Ave., B'klyn. Subs. $1.00.

EMERGENCY CONCERT-DANCE! Proceeds to Lincoln Brigade—Appearing Artists—Hanns Eisler, Virgil Thompson, Fred Keating, M.C. and a host of others. Sunday, March 27th, 2 P.M. to Midnight. 114 W. 54th St. Ausp.: American Music Alliance. Subs. 50c.

"ANALYSIS OF THE NEWS of the Week" by Sam L. Schatz . . . Sunday March 27, 8:30 P.M. Adm. 30c. 2nd floor, 35 E. 12th St. . . . Ausp. Workers School.

ISRAEL AMTER LECTURES, "Collective Security or Isolation—Which?" Questions, Discussion. Adm. Free. Sunday, March 27, 8 P.M. . . . 163 Bleecker St. NYC. Ausp. Section 31.

FORUM—RICHARD B. MOORE speaks on "Hitler, Mussolini and the Negro." Free. Sunday, March 27, 8 P.M. Prince Hall Masonic Temple, 237 W. 130th St., NYC. Ausp. Progressive Women's Council No. 47.

SHAG OR DRAG? Swing or Sway? You can go to town at the American Youth Congress Dance at Mecca Temple April First. Why? Because Benny Goodman—Duke Ellington—Freddie Gibbon—Bobby Hackett and Cotton Club Show Stars will appear in person!!! Adm. only 75c. Tickets: at Box Office and 105 W. 40th St., Room 613.

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